

# THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

MARCH  
2026

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## A MINUTE WITH MADELINE



### Record Book Mid-Year Check-In

As we move into the heart of the 4-H year, now is the perfect time for a mid-year record book check-in. Record keeping is more than a requirement; it is a life skill. Accurate, consistent records help members track growth, reflect on progress, and demonstrate responsibility. Waiting until the end of the year often leads to stress and forgotten details. A simple review now can make a significant difference later.

Start by reviewing what you have already completed. Are your project goals clearly written and still relevant? Strong goals are specific and measurable, not just “do well,” but “improve showmanship score by 10 points” or “complete three woodworking projects.”

Next, bring your financial records up to date. Most projects involve expenses and income. Make sure feed costs, supplies, entry fees, and any sales are recorded accurately. Good financial documentation not only strengthens your record book but also builds real-world money management skills

Don't forget to log meetings, clinics, and community service hours. Include leadership roles, presentations given, and contests entered. Even small activities add up over time and reflect your commitment.

Finally, take time to reflect. What skills have you improved? What challenges have you faced? Reflection sections are often what set strong record books apart. Judges are not only looking for numbers; they are looking for evidence of learning and development.

Reviewing and updating your record book now can save hours later. It ensures your hard work is documented and recognized. Staying consistent is the key to success, and your future self will thank you at the end of the year!

# Happy St. Patrick's Day

## LEADER'S LOUNGE

### March Check-Up

- Encourage 4-H'ers to invite their friends to attend a meeting & join 4-H!
- Encourage 4-H'ers to share what they are doing in 4-H at school!
- Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved.

### Review

- Read the 4-H Newsletter and mark important dates on the calendar
- Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter at your club meeting

### Promote/Recruit

- YQCA for all members enrolled in animal projects
- Turn in all forms for livestock projects by the listed deadlines!

### 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 the club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Check the club's progress toward goals
- Start speaking with your club members on how they can show appreciation to their club volunteers during April's National Volunteer Week.
- Remind 4-H'ers to enroll and select projects in 4-H Online by the May 1st deadline
- Remind 4-H'ers of the 2 Meeting Requirement for the Butler County Fair
- Remind families to "Subscribe" to the 4-H Online broadcast messages. This is where all newsletters and important information are 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!
- 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

## March

- March 1: 4-H Day
- March 1: 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball - Manhattan
- March 3: 4-H Judges Training - Parsons
- March 4: Butler County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge
- March 7: K-State Jr. Beef Producer Day - Manhattan
- March 14: UAS Workshop - K-State Salina
- March 20: K-State Jr. Sheep Producer Day Registration Deadline
- March 21: 4-H Super Saturday Judging Contest - Hays
- March 21: Dairy Cow Showmanship Clinic - Cheney
- March 22: Regional 4-H Day - Mulvane
- March 22: Walk Kansas Begins
- March 25: YQCA Training In-Person at 6:30 p.m.
- March TBA: Clipping Clinic

## May

- May 1: Project & 4-H Online Enrollment Deadline to participate in County Fair
- May 1: Market Beef State Nominations DUE
- May 2-3: 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training - Rock Spring Ranch
- May 3: Dairy Goat Clinic and Practice Show - Cheney
- May 10: Black Gold Spring Show
- May 21: YQCA Training In-Person at 6:30 p.m.
- May 25: Extension Office Closed
- May 28: Animal Car & Housing and Market Animal Certification Forms DUE
- May 28: Butler County YQCA Deadline

## April

- April 4: Ag Tech Day - Moundridge
- April 10: Club Quarterly Reports DUE to Extension Office
- April 10-15: National 4-H Conference - Washington, D.C.
- April 11: K-State Jr. Sheep Producer Day - Manhattan
- April 11: Shutterbug Photography Event - Manhattan
- April 14: 4-H Council Meeting
- April 14: 4-H Judges Training - Concordia
- April 19-15: National Volunteer Week
- April 20: Bucket Calf, Meat Goat, Sheep & Swine Tagging
- April 20: Market Dairy Wether ID Forms DUE
- April 23: YQCA Training In-Person at 6:30 p.m.
- April 24: Spring Into Volunteering
- April 28-29: Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge
- April TBA: Fitting Clinic

**\*See the full 2025-2026  
Calendar [HERE](#)\***



# 2026 4-H DAY RESULTS

## CLOVERBUD PRESENTATIONS

Isiah G. EDT  
Derek T. BBB  
Kade H. EDT  
Grayden S. PH

### READINGS

Junior:  
Carson S. PH - Purple  
Harley W. PH - Blue  
Aurora C. LL - Purple  
Autumn S. PH - Blue

Intermediate:  
Jacob G. EDT - Blue  
Kennedy S. TR - Blue  
Karly P. PH - Purple  
Alden G. EDT - Red  
Julia A. NB - Purple  
Jocelyn Q. PH - Blue  
Jenevieve Q. PH - Blue  
Emma C. EDT - Purple

Senior:  
Jackson S. TR - Purple  
Ella A. NB - Purple  
Eli C. EDT - Blue

## GROUP DANCE

EDT Group Dance - Purple  
Eli C. and Emma C. EDT - Purple

## DEMONSTRATIONS/ILLUSTRATED

### TALKS

Junior:  
Madelyn S. LL - Purple  
Madison W. LL - Blue  
Luke H. EDT - Blue  
Autumn S. PH - Purple  
Harper F. LL - Purple  
Grant H. PH - Blue

Intermediate:  
Brynlie N. BBB - Purple  
Faustina M. EDT - Red  
Logan S. LL - Blue  
Jacob G. EDT - Blue  
Kenzie S. PH - Purple  
Wiley P. BBB - Purple  
Jackson S. BBB - Purple

Senior:  
Alaxis J. BBB - Purple  
Maddy I. PH - Purple

Team:  
Jace C. HH & Hayden W. LL -  
Blue

# 2026 4-H DAY RESULTS

## SKIT

Agnes, Ida, and Emma L. CB -  
Purple

## VOCAL - SOLO

### Junior:

Grant H. PH - Purple

### Senior:

Grace R. PH - Purple

## PIANO - SOLO

### Junior:

Carson S. PH - Purple

Luke H. EDT - Blue

Madison W. LL - Blue

Madelyn S. LL - Blue

Derek T. BBB - Purple

### Intermediate:

Karly P. PH - Blue

Kenzie S. PH - Blue

Rook H. EDT - Blue

Kaitlyn H. BBB - Blue

### Senior:

Valerie S. PH - Blue

Janelle S. HH - Blue

## INSTRUMENTAL SMALL ENSEMBLE

Madelyn S. and Hayden W. LL -  
Blue

## INSTRUMENTAL - SOLO

### Junior:

Ezra B. PH - Blue

### Intermediate:

Wiley P. BBB - Purple

Hayden W. LL - Blue

Jace C. HH - Blue

Jocelyn Q. PH - Blue

### Senior:

Kiera Y. NB - Blue

Roxy H. EDT - Red

Ella A. NB - Blue

## GAVEL GAMES

### Junior:

Purple Heart - Blue

### Intermediate:

Purple Heart 1 - Red

### Senior:

Purple Heart 1 - Blue

# 2026 4-H DAY RESULTS

## FAVORITE FOODS

Madison W. LL - Blue  
Aurora C. LL - Purple  
Hayden W. LL - Blue

## PROJECT TALKS

Junior:

Harley W. PH - Blue  
Aurora C. LL - Blue  
Reagan S. BBB - Blue

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Grace R. PH - Purple

## MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION

Valerie S. PH - Purple  
Brenna S. PH - Purple

## 4-H SPOTLIGHT

### **GRACE R.** Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council, Purple Heart

Grace R. is a 10-year member of the Butler County 4-H program! She is an active member of the Purple Heart 4-H Club, where she serves as the club's Vice President, and a Butler County 4-H Ambassador. In November at KYLF, Grace was elected to a one-year term on the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council to represent the Southeast Region. As a council representative, Grace will assist in planning state leadership events, such as CIA, KYLF, and Discovery Days, while advancing Positive Youth Development and Kansas 4-H! Her favorite projects include Shopping-in-Style, Sewing & Textile Design, and Fiber Arts. Outside of 4-H, you will find Grace on the basketball court or sharing her artistic talents in a musical production. Grace is a strong example of how 4-H is creating a Beyond Ready generation to serve the needs of Butler County, Kansas, and beyond!



# CIA IN REVIEW

Nine Butler County 4-H members traveled to Topeka over President's Day Weekend for Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! With 4-H Agent, Madeline as their chaperone, Jonathon (PH), Cami (CB), Valerie (PH), River (PH), Maddy (PH), Brynlie (BBB), Kenzie (PH), Karly (PH), and Grace (PH) spent time at the Capitol learning about how the legislative process works. The group was joined by Sen. Mike Fagg during the banquet, and he gave them a behind-the-scenes tour of the Senate Chambers and his office.

Members debated HB2186 on the Chamber floors, saw House Members deliberate on the bill during session, and attended committee meetings. A special 'Thank You!' to 4-H Volunteers and PDC Members Kyle N. and Burgundy B. for assisting in transporting the group to and from Topeka!



# 2026 BUTLER COUNTY FAIR DATES AND DEADLINES

**JULY 16-21, 2026**

## **Butler County Fair Rules**

The 2026 4-H/FFA Division Rules are available on our website! They can be found on at the following link: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/>

## **Important Dates**

- February 21: Market Beef Tagging\*
- April 15: Bucket Calves Must Be Born\*
- April 20: Small Animal Tagging\*
- May 1: 4-H Project Enrollment Deadline
- May 28: YQCA Deadline
- May 28: Market Animal Certification and Animal Care and Housing Forms Deadline
- June 1: Horse ID Deadline\*
- June 1: Pre-Entries Open
- June 15: Dairy Heifers/Cow ID Deadline\*
- June 15: Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline\*
- June 15: Livestock Registration Paper Deadline\*
- June 22: Pre-Entries Close at 11:59 p.m.
- July 1: Dairy Doe Registration/Ownership Deadline\*

\*See the 2026 Butler County Fair 4-H/FFA Tagging Guidelines and Forms Table [HERE](#)

## **Pre-Entries**

- Pre-Entries are required for all 4-H/FFA projects
- Cloverbuds will only need to preenter 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!



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### Fair Pre-Entry Office Hours

COME-AND-GO ZOOM OFFICE HOURS WITH MADELINE TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAIR PRE-ENTRIES!

- MONDAY, JUNE 1 (2:30 PM - 5:00 PM)
- TUESDAY, JUNE 9 (2:30 PM - 5:00 PM)
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- MONDAY, JUNE 22 (2:00 PM - 4:00 PM) & (6:00 PM - 8:30 PM)

Meeting ID: 471 244 7768



# 4-H/FFA DIVISION RULE UPDATES

## 2026 Butler County Fair Updates to 4-H/FFA Divisions

1.

Round Robin qualification

2.

Small Engines division added

3.

Vet Science dioramas

4.

Updated minimum weights for Market Dairy Wethers

5.

Updates to food gift packages

6.

Updated KSE publication links

7.

Recycled Garment class added

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# UAS WORKSHOP

CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT 4-H



## UAS WORKSHOP

MARCH 14, 2026, 9:30AM-6:00PM  
K-STATE SALINA CAMPUS

### Who should register:

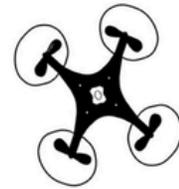
Youth ages 7-18 who have an interest in Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

### Registration:

Please register at: [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3137gpL1FA7kJ3o](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3137gpL1FA7kJ3o)

New this year: Estimated total flight hours required at time of registration. Youth will be grouped as Beginner or Experienced based on flight hours.

Each individual (including parents/guardians) will need to register. Registrations are due online by March 9, 2026. If you have questions, please call 785-309-5850.



## Event Objectives

- Safety Rules
- Flight Basics
- Drone Flights
- Obstacle Course Flight Competition



### Cost:

\$15/person includes lunch and contest fees. Payment must be made to Central Kansas District 4-H Council and needs to be received by the registration deadline. Payments may be mailed or dropped off to the Central Kansas District 4-H Council at 2218 K-State Road N; Salina, KS 67401

### Attire & What to Expect:

Dress code is casual. The day will feature sessions covering the basics (including rules and flight overview), flight competition, and prizes. Also included this year is a UAS workshop for parents.

### Additional Information:

Please plan to arrive and sign-in at 9:30 a.m. at the College Center Conference Room on the K-State Salina Campus. Participants will be using the equipment provided. Please do not bring your own drone.

Please join us in special thanks to 4-H Member Eian P. for his leadership to plan the workshop and to Acacia P. for her artwork for the flyer.

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### Accommodations:

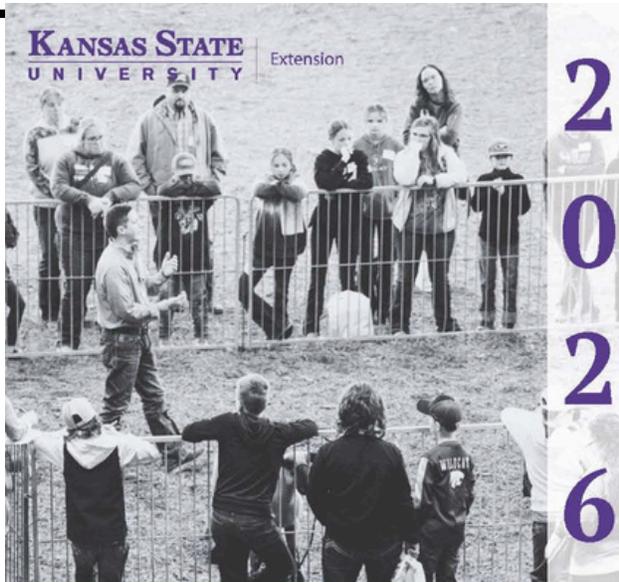
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# JR. SHEEP PRODUCER DAY



## 2026 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day



### Date

4.11.2026

Manhattan, KS



Scan Me!



### Registration

Due: 3.20.2026

Cost: \$20/person

<https://bit.ly/SheepJrProducer>

\*All adults & youth must register to attend.

\*\*Only those registered by 3/20/26 will receive a t-shirt.

\*\*\*Late registration is \$30/person.



### Questions

Lexie Hayes



785.532.1264



[adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu)

## Program

Join us for the biennial K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Presentations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be an educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. A variety of topics will be shared, including an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. All ages and skill levels are invited! Lunch and a t-shirt are included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by March 20 or \$30/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register. There will be an optional tour of the sheep and meat goat center offered on Friday evening and Saturday after jr. day.

## Tentative Schedule

### Friday, April 10

5:00-7:00PM Optional Tour of Sheep & Goat Center

### Saturday, April 11

8:00AM Check-in

9:00AM Welcome

9:15AM Selection

10:00AM Nutrition

10:45AM Morning Breakout Sessions

-facilities & equipment, reproduction, project management purchase to show

NOON Lunch

1:00PM Health

1:45PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions

-wool, showmanship, clipping & grooming

3:45PM Dismissal

4:00PM Optional YQCA Class

4:00-6:00PM Optional Sheep & Goat Center Tour



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Registration: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>



# SUPER SATURDAY JUDGING CONTEST



NW 4-H

Judging Event

*Super Saturday*

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 9:00am - Finish

**Host Site: Fort Hays State University**

**Judging Contests include: 9:00am to 12:30pm -- \$7.00**

Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, Livestock Skill-a-thon  
NEW this year Wildlife Skills Judging and Geology

**Volunteer Sessions for Parents and Volunteers - Free, 10:30am**

**Livestock Judging : 12:30pm FHSU enclosed Rodeo Areana, North of I-70**

**Project Opportunities: (NON-LIVESTOCK Judging youth): 1:00 -3:00pm \$5.00**

The afternoon will be filled with STEM and Visual Art Rotation stations, including, robots, circuits, Building Block Engineering, painting and paper crafts.

**Sack Lunches provided with mandatory RSVP - \$8.00**

Registration Link:

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/forms/SV\\_78Jwy8nnfMNIBW6](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/forms/SV_78Jwy8nnfMNIBW6)

If you have any questions concerning this event, you may contact Robyn Trussel at 785-798-5020 or [rdeines@ksu.edu](mailto:rdeines@ksu.edu) or Chandra Plate at 620-388-7157 or [cplate@ksu.edu](mailto:cplate@ksu.edu)



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# SEDGWICK COUNTY DAIRY CLINICS

## 2026 Sedgwick County 4-H Dairy Cow Showmanship Clinic



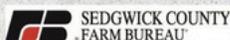
**Saturday March 21, 2026**

**Time: 10:00-2:00**

**At the Sedgwick County Fair Grounds**

**Open to all 4-H exhibitors**

Lunch Provided by Sedgwick County Farm Bureau



### ✂ Clipping Demonstration

Why and when to clip dairy cattle  
Pre-requisite and blade use

### 🌱 Nutrition Lesson

Basics of dairy cow nutrition  
Feeding for growth, bloom, and body condition

### 🏆 Showmanship Lesson

What judges look for in showmanship  
Proper attire and ring etiquette

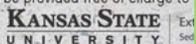
### 🐄 Hands-On Showmanship Practice

Guided practice with live animals  
One-on-one coaching and feedback  
Mock showmanship run-through



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## Sedgwick County 4-H



## Dairy Goat Clinic and Practice Show

**May 3, 2026**

**9:00-2:00**

**Sedgwick County Fair Grounds  
204 S Main Street Cheney, KS**



### Clinic Highlights:

- ✓ Clipping Demonstration
- ✓ Nutritional Information
- ✓ Hoof Shearing Demo
- ✓ Showmanship Clinic

### Show Highlights

#### Judge--Alicia Bigelow

- ✓ Showmanship Class
- ✓ Breed Class--You may bring up to two goats to practice with.

**All Kansas 4-H youth are invited to attend**

**Please bring a goat or two.**

**Parents are welcome to participate.**



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# 2026 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 Fair.**

The YQCA Deadline for Participating in the 2026 Butler County 4-H Fair is **May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM, 2026.**

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 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. You can find more information about YQCA at <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/YQCA.html>

In person class dates:

- Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

\*\* All Classes will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Community/4-H Building(200 N. Griffith, El Dorado)



## **Frequently Asked YQCA Questions:**

- **Is YQCA mandatory for all 4-H'ers?**  
YQCA is required to show animals at the Butler County 4-H Fair, the Kansas State Fair, and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. 8-18 yr. olds must pass a web-based or instructor-led training. 7-year-olds must attend an instructor-led course.
- **How much does getting certified cost?**  
The online module certification is \$12, and the instructor-led training method of certification is \$3.
- **Does the YQCA certification ID sync with 4-H Online?**  
Yes, you will sign in using your 4-H Online information.
- **I only show horses. Do I need to be YQCA certified?**  
No. Right now, YQCA, is not required for 4-H Horse Project Members.
- **Do 4-H'ers need to update their YQCA certification number each year?**  
Yes, they do. Youth should re-certify around the same time they tested each year.
- **Do I need to register before class?**  
Yes! You must register and pay online before attending an instructor-led class. You will also need to take the pre-test before class.
- **Does Butler County 4-H get the registration money?**  
No, all registration money is online and goes to YQCA.

# AG TECH DAY

## Ag Tech Day

April 4, 2026  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Flickner Innovation Farm**  
Moundridge, Kansas



Visit stations around the farm and learn about technologies to make a farm management plan.



Free and open to the public; activities are tailored for middle and high school students.



Come and go as you please; snacks provided!

Register by April 1 at <https://bit.ly/AgTechDay>.

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# STATE EVENTS

## INSECT ART CONTEST 2026

*Metamorphosis Magic*



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 "Metamorphosis Magic." The goal is to explore insects that go through complete and incomplete metamorphosis, then create artwork that fits the contest theme.

### AGE GROUPS

- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade
- 6th Grade - 8th Grade
- High School
- Adults

### CATEGORIES

- Traditional Illustration (drawing or painting)
- Digital Artwork
- 3-D Creation (painting on canvas, collage, sculpture, or other media)

### AWARDS

Certificates and prizes will be awarded for each art category in each age group for 1st through 3rd place.

## HOW TO ENTER

Submit your entry by April 15, 2026. See full rules and details by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/learning-and-resources.html>

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Integrated Pest Management  
and Pesticide Safety Education



REGISTER HERE  
BY APRIL 1, 2026!

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## JUDGE'S TRAINING

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

REGISTRATION STARTING AT  
5:15 PM WITH DINNER TO  
FOLLOW AND OPENING REMARKS  
STARTING AT 6:15 PM

EARLY REGISTRATION STARTING  
AT 3:45 PM FOR AN OPTIONAL  
EARLY SESSION AT 4:15 PM

**\$20**  
REGISTRATION  
FEE  
(INCLUDES  
DINNER)

CLOUD COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
615 INDUSTRIAL RD  
CONCORDIA, KS  
66901



- VISUAL ARTS
- POSTERS, NOTEBOOKS, AND DISPLAYS
- BUILDING BLOCK ENGINEERING
- WELDING
- FASHION REVUE
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- SEWING AND TEXTILES
- ROBOTICS
- AEROSPACE/ROCKETRY
- WOODWORKING

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# KANSAS YOUTH RANGE CAMP

Are YOU interested in plants, livestock or wildlife?



## KANSAS YOUTH RANGE CAMP

Upcoming High School Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors

Learn about range plant identification, plant growth, stocking rates, livestock nutrition, and rangeland wildlife management

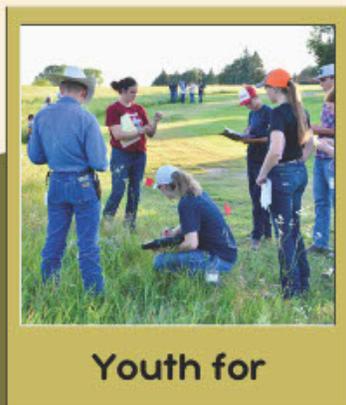
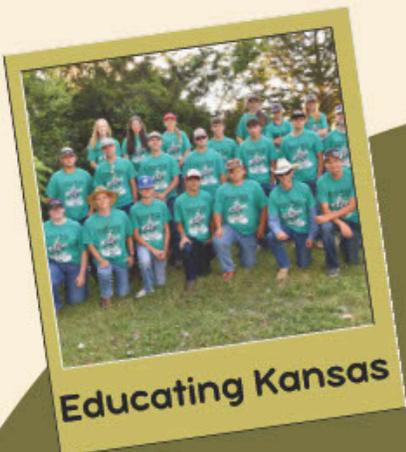
Enjoy field trips, hands on learning, a steak dinner, swimming, fishing, and hiking!



June 9-12, 2026

COST: \$300

Contact your local Conservation District for scholarship opportunities!



Contact:  
Ethan Walker

KS Youth Range Camp Chair  
620-451-1011  
ethan.walker@usda.gov

Sponsored by:  
Kansas Section, Society for Range Management

# 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.



# OFFICE NEWS



## TWO LOCATIONS. ONE PURPOSE. EMPOWERING WOMEN IN THE CATTLE INDUSTRY.

A no-pressure, practical skills camp for women ready to grow their knowledge—and their role—in beef cattle management.

**WESTERN KANSAS, HAYS WKREC**  
SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2026  
**EASTERN KANSAS, PARSONS SEREC**  
MAY 5-6, 2026

**Contact Us**  
Western: Dr. Emma Briggs  
785-625-3425

Eastern: Dr. Jaymelynn Farney  
620-820-6125

**LEARN MORE AT:**  
[https://www.wkrec.org/events/cow\\_camp/](https://www.wkrec.org/events/cow_camp/)



Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, contact Logan Simon SWREC, Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Get yours today at the K-State Research and Extension - Butler County Office  
206 North Griffith, Suite A  
El Dorado, KS 67042



**\$10.00 Each**

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## WALK KANSAS

**March 22 - May 16, 2026**

Walk with us toward a *healthier* tomorrow.

**Registration opens March 1!**



Kansas State University  
**Extension**

[walkkansas.org](http://walkkansas.org)

## K-State Extension Butler County

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# OFFICE NEWS

## COME AND TREAT YOURSELF TO A CLASS OF GREENERY

**KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

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You can create a wall-mounted piece of art or learn how to make a Kokedama, which means "moss ball" in Japanese. Walk away with your own garden art creation that will make for a unique personalized gift or addition to your home and garden décor.

**\*\* NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED \*\***

- Classes are limited to the first 25 individuals who sign up!
  - Classes appropriate for ages 7+.
  - Pre-registration with payment is required.
  - Use code EARLYBIRD07 to get \$5 off (Valid Through 03/18).
- \*\* Attention \*\* YOU MAY/WILL GET MESSY AND DIRTY, BUT TOTALLY WORTH IT!**

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**BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY BUILDING  
200 N. GRIFFITH ST. EL. DORADO KS**

**WORKSHOP #1 – WALL MOUNTED ART. THESE SIMPLE, ELEGANT PLAQUES FEATURE A BEAUTIFUL PLANT MOUNTED TO A CEDAR BOARD WITH SPHAGNUM MOSS. TIME: THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH AT 5:30 PM**



**WORKSHOP #2 – KOKEDAMA. KOKEDAMA IS THE JAPANESE ART OF GROWING PLANTS IN A MOSS-COVERED BALL OF SOIL WRAPPED WITH STRING, TRANSFORMING ORDINARY HOUSEPLANTS INTO ELEGANT LIVING SCULPTURES. TIME: THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH AT 7 PM**

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## ANNUAL BUTLER COUNTY Lawn & Garden Show

### GROW & BLOOM IN BUTLER



Master Gardeners of Butler Co., KS

# FREE Admission

- Children's activities
- Concessions
- Exhibits & vendors
- Plants for sale!
- Professional presentations
- Seed swap
- Soil test service available!
- & More!

**DOOR  
PRIZES!**

Event Details



Saturday, April 11th, 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday, April 12th, 11 AM - 4 PM

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

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# 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

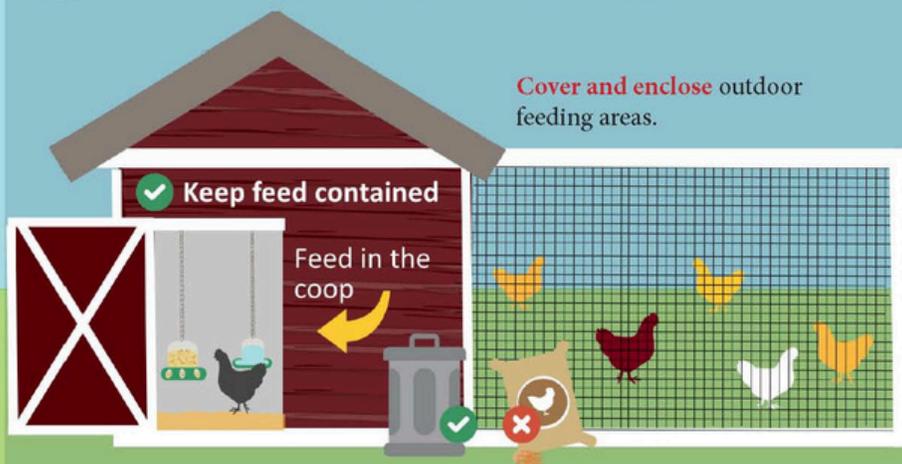
- Coughing and sneezing
- Difficulty breathing
- Extreme depression
- Lack of energy
- Decrease in feed or water intake
- Swelling or purple discoloration of head, eyelids, comb, wattle and legs
- Decrease in egg production
- Sudden unexplained death

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**.



- **Clean up** feed spills.
- **Reduce** puddles and standing water.
- **Avoid** visiting ponds and streams, especially with pets.
- **Do not** move birds from farm to farm.
- **Isolate** new birds.

**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.

