

# THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

## A Minute with Madeline



School break and summer will be here before we know it! Summer in 4-H is a great time to register and attend so many state-wide events from livestock shows to Discovery Days to 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Before we get ahead of ourselves, it's important to remember to finish out the school year strong!

Here are some helpful tips to make sure you end the school year on a high note.

- **Keep a positive attitude!** The end of the school year can be daunting. There are so many deadlines and end-of-year activities to keep track of that it can become overwhelming at times. Changing your perspective and keeping a positive mindset can make that mountain of tasks easier to complete.
- **Set goals:** We might think that the end of the school year means less responsibility and less need for goal setting. The truth is the exact opposite! Setting goals can help you stay on track to finish the school year in the best way possible. Maybe you want to set a goal to have all of your work turned in before the last week of school so you can enjoy the last week before summer vacation. Or maybe you should set a goal for what grades you want to see on your final report card.
- **Prioritize self-care:** Some of us might become stressed as we see all of those end-of-year deadlines coming at us. Make sure you take time for yourself! Put the homework away and go for a walk, take a relaxing bath, or do another soothing activity.
- **Communicate openly with parents and teachers:** Keep an open line of communication with the trusted adults in your life. Talk about how you are feeling as you approach the end of the school year. Trusted adults will encourage you to talk about any worries or concerns you may have about your academic performance or mental well-being. They can offer guidance and support without judgment so you feel comfortable sharing your thoughts with them.

**Finish the year strong and don't be afraid to reach out to those around you if you need help!**

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# LEADER'S LOUNGE

## May Check-Up

- Encourage 4-H'ers to invite their friends to attend a meeting
- Encourage 4-H'ers to share what they are doing 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 county fair (available [HERE](#))

## Promote/Recruit

- YQCA for all 4-H'ers enrolled in animal projects due by May 30th
- 4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Camp
- National Volunteer Week April 21-27

## To-Do

- Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Pick up club Fair Books at the Extension Office & return any extras
- Help 4-Her's plan and prepare projects for the fair
- Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club
- Speak with your club about doing a booth at Mini Fair
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resources page [HERE](#)

## Remember

- Make it a fun and rewarding year!
- Horse ID Papers are due May 30th
- Animal Care and Housing Form and Owner Certification of Market Animal Forms are due May 30th. These forms can now be submitted digitally and found on our website [HERE](#). Paper forms are also acceptable and found at the same link. Families can take their pick, just remember to turn them in!
- Pre-entries for the county fair open on June 1st. (ALL projects require pre-entry) ◀◀◀◀◀◀

# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## May

- **May 1st:** Project Enrollment Deadline to Participate in the County Fair
- **May 1st:** 4-H Online Enrollment Deadline to Participate in the County Fair
- **May 1st:** Market Beef State Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked
- **May 8th:** Bucket Calf Clinic
- **May 12th:** Black & Gold Spring Show
- **May 23rd:** 4-H Mini Fair
- **May 28th:** Summer Interns Begin
- **May 30th:** YQCA In-Person Training
- **May 30th:** Butler County YQCA Deadline
- **May 30th:** Animal Care and Housing and Market Animal Certification Forms Due
- **May 30th:** Horse ID Forms Deadline
- **May 31st:** Online YQCA Certificates Due 11:30 a.m. (must be dated May 30th or before)

## June

- **June 1st:** Pre-entries open for the Butler County Fair (ALL projects require pre-entry)
- **June/July:** 4-H Comp Sessions, Rock Springs Ranch
- **June 5th:** 4-H Council Meeting
- **June 5th:** Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
- **June 5th-7th:** Discovery Days
- **June 13th:** Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline
- **June 13th:** Dairy Cattle ID paperwork Due into the Extension Office
- **June 14th-16th:** Geology Field Trip
- **June 15th:** Small Livestock and Commercial Heifer State Nominations Due Online and DNA Postmarked
- **June 15th:** Animal Registration Papers in Exhibitor's Name
- **June 15th:** YQCA Deadline for the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- **June 18th:** 4-H Ambassador Day Camp
- **June 20th-22nd:** Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show - Salina, KS
- **June 24th:** Pre-entry Deadline for the Butler County Fair
- **June 25th:** South East 4-H Challenge Day
- **June 27th:** South East 4-H Animal Science Challenge Day

## July

- **July 1st:** Superintendent Meeting
- **July 4th:** Extension Office Closed
- **July 6th:** Butler County Fair Fashion Revue
- **July 12th:** Club Quarterly Report Due
- **July 13th:** Butler County Fair Horse Show
- **July 15th:** Butler County Fair Auction Meeting Requirement Deadline
- **July 15th-26th:** Extension Office Hours 8 am-5 pm
- **July 18th-23rd:** Butler County Fair
- **July 22nd-August 7th:** State Fair Entries Accepted at the Extension Office
- **July 25th-26th:** Extension Office Closed

\*See the full 2023-2024 Calander HERE\*

# STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATION INFORMATION

The state livestock nomination season has arrived! In 2022, we transitioned to an online nomination system, which will continue.

It is going to be **IMPERATIVE** for you to plan ahead! You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the nomination process.

Moving to an online system helped streamline the process from nomination, to entry, through participation in the state shows. Both steps will continue to be required – complete nomination and show entry. Additionally, the deadlines have not changed and will continue to be enforced. You will have to submit your information online, through ShoWorks, and postmark your completed and signed DNA envelopes by the appropriate date. Then, after your nominations are complete and have been verified, you'll submit your official show entries directly through the specific show in which you would like to participate – the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS.

All state nomination information can be found [HERE](#).



## 4-Step State Nomination Process:

1. Purchase Official DNA Envelopes. Only DNA envelopes ordered after 2022 will be accepted.
2. Enter Animal & Exhibitor Data through Online System (ShoWorks) by Nomination Deadline.
3. Mail Completed DNA Envelopes & Copy of Online Submission Receipt by Nomination Deadline.
4. Online Approval by Extension Agents (4-H) & FFA Advisors (FFA).

**\*Nomination Only Makes Animals Eligible** - A complete nomination does NOT constitute show entry. Nominations make market animals or commercial breeding females eligible to be entered and shown in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS. After completing the nomination process, exhibitors must submit show entries, and pay the affiliated entry fees, directly through each show's entry link by the entry deadline to participate.

**\*\*Resources** - ALL families are encouraged to use the **Rookie Guide** and **specie checklists!**

**\*\*\*First Steps** - Exhibitors need to have completed their YQCA training for 2024 and downloaded their certificate before beginning the nomination process. Families should also locate their KSU Family Name and Nomination # before logging in to ShoWorks.

**\*ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL DNA HAIR SAMPLE ENVELOPES (PURCHASED IN 2022 OR 2023).\***

Mail completed and signed DNA envelopes and copy of ShoWorks receipt listing nominated animals to:

Kansas State University  
c/o State 4-H/FFA Shows  
ATTN: Lexie Hayes  
214 Weber Hall  
1424 Claflin Road  
Manhattan, KS 66506-0202



# YQCA

# YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

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 2024 Butler County 4-H Fair is May 30th, 2024 at 11:59 PM.

Youth are required to take YQCA in-person or online; if taken online, a certificate of completion must be submitted to the Extension Office at [aemclaughlin@ksu.edu](mailto:aemclaughlin@ksu.edu) by May 31st at 11:30 a.m..

You can find more information about YQCA [HERE](#).

- Tuesday, May 30th

\*\*All Classes will be held from 6:00 p.m.–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.

- **Does Butler County 4-H get the registration money?**

No, all registration money is online and goes to YQCA.



# 2024 REGIONAL 4-H DAY RESULTS - BUTLER COUNTY

## Demonstrations/Illustrated

### Talks

#### Juniors:

Nolan Peters PH - Purple

Lucas Jurgens EDB - Blue

#### Senior:

Alaxis Jensen BBB - Blue

Cora Brackenridge NB - Red

## Readings

### Intermediate:

Brynlie Nichols BBB - Purple

Justice Milburn LL - Purple

Kennedy Strecker TR - Red

### Senior:

Ellie Nelson BBB - Top Purple

Molly Fitzgerald PH - Purple

Jackson Strecker TR - Blue

## PROJECT TALKS

### JUNIOR:

ALEXANDER NEUHAUS LL - RED

### INTERMEDIATE:

JACK MYERS BBB - TOP PURPLE

EMMALYNN NELSON BBB - BLUE

## GAVEL GAMES

### SENIOR:

PURPLE HEART 3 - BLUE



# 2024 BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

## Fair Dates

July 18th - 22nd, 2024  
July 23rd Clean up and  
release of exhibits

## 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!

## Fair Rules

The 2024 4-H/FFA Rulebook has been posted on our website at

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

## Important 2024 Deadlines

- **May 1st:** 4-H Project Enrollment Deadline
- **May 30th:** YQCA Deadline
- **May 30th:** Market Animal Certification and Animal Care and Housing Forms Deadline
- **May 30th:** Horse ID Deadline\*
- **May 31st:** Online YQCA Certificates Due
- **June 1st:** Pre-Entries Open
- **June 13th:** Dairy Heifers/Cow ID Deadline\*
- **June 13:** Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline\*
- **June 15th:** Livestock Registration Paper Deadline\*
- **June 24th:** Pre-Entries Close at 12 a.m.
- **July 15th:** 4-H Meeting Requirement Deadline

\*See Animal Tagging Guidelines chart [HERE](#)



# 2024 BUTLER COUNTY FAIR UPDATES

## New for 2024

### Educational Exhibits

- Veterinary Science Project
- Wildlife Project

### Buymanship

- Is now “Shopping In Style”
- Included educational exhibits

### Project Auction

- “The Butler County fairboard has approved to align the Butler County Fair auction with that of the new K-State 4-H rules. The Butler County Fair auction will allow auction items to go on to show at the State Fair and KJLS.”



### Show Opportunity

Sign up and show this spring  
To qualify for the Walnut River Rematch, the exhibitor must show at the *Walnut River Showdown* on April 27, 2024

Show again at the County Fair  
Exhibitor will designate 1 Market Beef and/or 1 Heifer at the Spring Show to compete in the **Rematch** at the Butler County Fair

Exhibit in the Rematch Class  
Prizes will be awarded for all qualified cattle entered in the Walnut River Showdown “Rematch” classes at the Butler County Fair

At the 2024 Butler County Fair  
July 19-23  
Questions: 316-734-6560  
[www.walnutrivershowdown.org](http://www.walnutrivershowdown.org)

# CLUB NEWS

## Towanda Rustlers

The Towanda Rustlers met on March 3rd and answered roll call about our Spring Break plans. After a brief business meeting, we made a special March treat with pretzels and green candy-bark. They were fun to make and we made enough to share with our friends. They were ready to be sampled at the end of the meeting and they were tasty! During the program, Haylie D. shared with us two of her Khaki Campbell ducks. She told us how to take care of Bailey and Wolfsbane and what she enjoys about the project. Trent C. shared with us about the guns that he used for shooting sports as well as the other equipment that is needed to be safe. We are looking forward to our April Exchange Meeting with North Butler!

## Benton Busy Bees

At our April Meeting the Benton Busy Bees dressed as tourists, all of us looked ready for our next vacation! Roll call was answered by our favorite vacation destination. Our April meeting was extra special because we had our exchange meeting with the Cassidy Boosters! It was so cool to see how they ran their meeting! Thank you so much for coming Cassidy Boosters!! Recreation was double the fun as both clubs competed in an egg race. Our program consisted of a violin solo by Jessie Pearl R., a project talk on leather tools by Jackson S. and a demonstration on drum rudiments by Wiley P.

We talked a lot about upcoming Benton Days and it made me SUPER excited!!! Benton Days is April 27th and there will be many fun activities throughout the day. Bingo and popcorn, a parade, tractor pulling, and a concession stand worked by the Benton Buys Bees, just to name a few.

That's all I have to report for this month!

Brynlie N.-  
BBB Reporter





## BUTLER COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

### Shotgun Project News:

There will be a beginners shotgun meeting on

**Saturday, May 11th at 1 p.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*

Please let the Extension Office know if you are planning to attend by calling 316-321-9660



**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



# 4-H AND BEYOND!



## Lucas J.

El Dorado Boosters

Lucas, a first year 4-H member, took his AWESOME demo talk on how to make the BEST custom trail mix to Regional 4-H Day. He came home with a BLUE ribbon! We are so proud of you, Luke!

## Ella A.

North Butler

Ella has been singing with the selected singing group, Newton Community Children's Choir, for the last 2 years. Their group recently performed a concert at Tabor College along side the Kansas Mennonite Men's Choir. She also sings with her middle school choir, receiving 1 ratings at League contest, and has been selected into the RHS Singers for next year.

Ella has also been participating in track at Remington Middle School and has placed in 8th grade shot put at each meet....1st place at two meets, as well 2nd and 3rd place at other meets.



## Kyle P.

Flinthills

Kyle recently competed in a Meats Judging competition with his high school FFA chapter. Kyle's Senior team took 2nd place out of 35 teams. Kyle took 8th place out of 100 students!

If there is a youth member or volunteer that you would like to recognize, please fill out this [Google Form](#).



# Bucket Calf Clinic

Butler County 4-H and Dr. Mikaela Sundgren are coming together to provide a Bucket Calf Clinic. Participants are welcome to bring their halter broke bucket calf with them. Vaccines will be available for a fee. Hands on experience makes this a great learning opportunity.



You are welcome to bring a sack dinner to eat during the “classroom” presentation.



**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**  
**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Butler County Fairgrounds**  
**200 N. Griffith, El Dorado, KS**

RSVP Here: <https://forms.gle/y4mp4wmTSZLSLeRE7>



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# MINI FAIR

**THURSDAY, MAY 23RD**  
**BUTLER COMMUNITY/  
4-H BUILDING  
200 N. GRIFFITH  
EL DORADO**

**06:00PM - 08:00PM**  
SET UP BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.

**FREE ENTRY**

## *Events*

Horticulture Judging, Show and Tell, Club Booths,  
Favorite Foods Contest, Clover Clink (Bring Your  
Quarters!), Livestock Skill-a-Thon, Water Balloon Toss  
(Cash Prizes!)

Please Fill Out This Form For Pre-Entries and Club Booths

<https://forms.gle/t4yooXFnpVrtsufMA>

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# BUTLER COUNTY BLACK GOLD SPRING SHOW

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

 Follow us on Facebook  
@BlackGoldShow

## 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 at:  
<https://showman.app/shows#/black-gold-spring-show>
- ❖ Entry Fees: \$25 per head (No late Entry Fee)
- ❖ Showmanship: \$5/species – **pay at the gate!!**
  - Grand wins 60%
  - Res. Grand wins 40%
- ❖ \$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 Goat 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.

## 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 10:00 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, 2024. 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. Does and ewes must be born after Jan. 1, 2023.
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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