

THE BUTLER COUNTY

4-H NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026



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A MINUTE WITH MADELINE

Celebrating Milestones in 4-H and Beyond

Spring is a season full of milestones, and across our 4-H program, it's exciting to see members grow, achieve, and take on new challenges! From project work gaining momentum to youth stepping into leadership roles, this time of year is a great reminder of how much progress can happen in just a few short months.

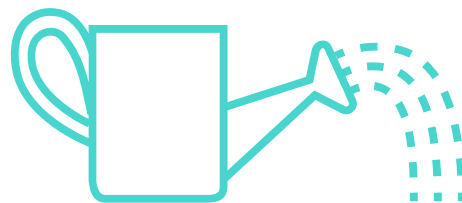
For some members, May brings the satisfaction of seeing their hard work start to come together. Whether it's refining a project, preparing for upcoming events, or trying something new, each step forward is worth celebrating. For others, this season may mark bigger transitions, such as graduations, new opportunities, or setting goals for the future. No matter the milestone, 4-H plays an important role in helping young people build confidence, develop skills, and discover what they're capable of!

Milestones aren't just for our members, though; they happen for all of us. I'm excited to share that I will be celebrating a big milestone of my own this month as I prepare for and celebrate my wedding! It's a joyful and busy time, and I appreciate the support and well-wishes from this amazing community. I will be out of the office from May 6-25 with limited availability. If you need assistance during this time, please contact Charlene Miller at cmmiller1@ksu.edu or the Extension Office at 316-321-9660. They will be happy to help with any questions or needs that come up.

Thank you for your understanding and for all that you do to make our 4-H program such a strong and supportive community. I look forward to connecting with you again soon and continuing to celebrate the many milestones ahead!

LEADERS

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MAY CHECK-UP

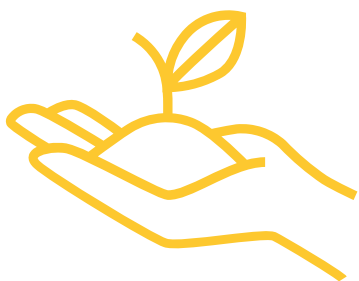
- Encourage 4-H'ers to invite their friends to attend a meeting & join 4-H!
- Encourage 4-H'ers to share what they are doing in 4-H at school!
- Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved.

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

PROMOTE/RECRUIT

- YQCA for all members enrolled in animal projects DUE May 28
- 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch



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
- Remind 4-H'ers of the 2 Meeting Requirement for the Butler County Fair (by July 13)
- 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!
- Horse ID Certification DUE June 1
- Animal Care and Housing form and Owner Certification of Market Animal form DUE May 28.
- Pre-entires from the Butler County Fair open June 1. ALL projects require pre-entry!
- 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

& DEADLINES



MAY

- May 1: Project & 4-H Online Enrollment Deadline to participate in County Fair
- May 1: Market Beef State Nominations DUE online and DNA postmarked
- 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 Care & Housing and Market Animal Certification Forms DUE
- May 28: Butler County YQCA Deadline

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



JUNE

- June 1: Horse ID paperwork DUE
- June 1: Pre-entries open for Butler County Fair
- June 3-5: Discovery Days - Manhattan
- June 9: 4-H Council Meeting
- June 11: Extension Office closed for staff development
- June 12-14: Geology Field Trip - Parsons
- June 15:
 - Dairy Cattle ID forms DUE
 - Breeding animal tagging DEADLINE
 - Small livestock & commercial heifer State Nominations DUE
 - YQCA deadline for Kansas State Fair
- June 16: Ambassador Day Camp
- June 18: SE Area Challenge Day - Emporia
- June 18-20: Kansas All Breeds Jr. Dairy Cattle Show - Salina
- June 19-20: Insect Spectacular - Iola
- June 21-26: National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship - Grand Island, NE
- June 22: Butler County Fair Pre-Entries DUE

JULY

- July 3: Extension Office Closed
- July 6: Superintendent Meeting
- July 10: Club Quarterly Reports DUE
- July 11: Butler County Fair Fashion Revue
- July 12: Butler County Fair Horse Show
- July 13: Auction Meeting Requirement Deadline
- July 13-22: Extension Office Hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- July 16-21: Butler County Fair
- July 21-August 5: Kansas State Fair entries accepted at the Extension Office
- July 23-24: Extension Office Closed

CLUB & COUNCIL

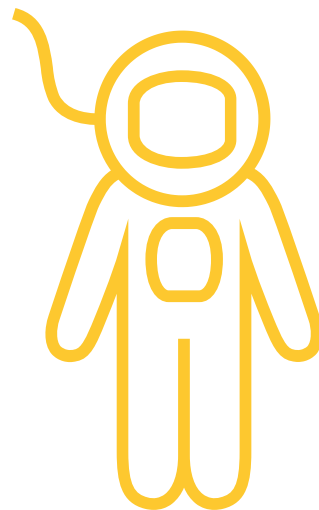
NEWS

BUTLER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

The Butler County 4-H Council met on April 14th. The following items were discussed:

- Discovery Days registration is open and due by May!
- FCS State will be held at Discovery Days; more information is available in the newsletter.
- Two new interns will be joining the extension team this summer!
- Day camp will be June 16th 1-5pm, and include crafts, activities, and more. All themed around Stars, Stripes, and 4-H Pride!
- This year at the fair, the Barnyard Olympics will have... The Plunger Relay, Sack Races, and "Pig" Herding. Make sure to sign up during fair!
- The next meeting will be held June 9th.

-River H., Butler County 4-H Council Reporter



4-H VOLUNTEER

RECOGNITION

Stacie Nichols Benton Busy Bees

"We would like to recognize Stacie Nichols for all the time and effort she put into helping the Benton Busy Bees with our cookie dough fundraiser. She went above and beyond to make sure everything went well and that we were prepared.

Stacie helped with ordering supplies, creating labels, and testing recipes so the cookie dough would turn out right. She also spent time teaching us what to do, which made the whole process easier to understand.

She made sure we followed all the state and county food safety rules, which was important for our fundraiser to be successful.

Thank you, Stacie, for your hard work, your patience, and for helping our group learn so much. We really appreciate everything you did for us."

- Wiley P., Benton Busy Bees 4-H Club Reporter



SHOOTING SPORTS

INFORMATION



SMALL BORE

Practices will begin on **Tuesday, June 2nd**.

Time and location TBD.

An email will go out to all members enrolled in the projects once all details are finalized.

SHOTGUN

There will be a beginner's shotgun meeting on

Saturday, May 16th 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

Practices will begin on **Saturday, May 30th at 8:30 a.m.** and will be held at:

Michael Murphy & Sons

6400 SW Hunter Rd

Augusta, KS 67010

Shotgun 4-H'ers and parents can stay up to date with 4-H Shotgun team communications by downloading the free "Team Reach" mobile app below.

iPhone:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/teamreach-team-management/id1101253705>

Android:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.teamreach.app>

Enter code: BUCO4Hshotgun2026

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

BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

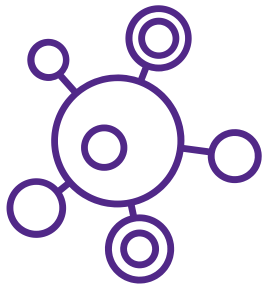
DATES AND DEADLINES

JULY 16-21, 2026



BUTLER COUNTY FAIR RULES

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



*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 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!
- Have questions or need help? Join Madeline's Fair Pre-Entry Office Hours! Meeting ID 4712447768

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 1: Pre-Entry Office Hours, 2:30-5:00 p.m.
- June 9: Pre-Entry Office Hours, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- June 15: Dairy Heifers/Cow ID Deadline*
- June 15: Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline*
- June 15: Livestock Registration Paper Deadline*
- June 17: Pre-Entry Office Hours, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- June 22: Pre-Entry Office Hours, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- June 22: Pre-Entries Close at 11:59 p.m.
- July 1: Dairy Doe Registration/Ownership Deadline*

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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AMBASSADOR

DAY CAMP



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YOU ARE INVITED TO
**STARS,
STRIPES, AND
4-H PRIDE**

JUNE 16 | 1-5 P.M.

**WITH THE BUTLER COUNTY 4-H
AMBASSADORS**

**Free Day Camp for ages 5-9 years old
Limited to the first 20 registrations
Fun day of games and crafts
A light snack will be provided**

**Butler County Community/4-H
Building
200 N Griffith St
El Dorado, KS 67042**



Register here:

<https://forms.gle/WMFhFfLTETtTtB5A7>

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SUPER SATURDAY

RESULTS



VALERIE S. (PH)

- 3rd Individ., Sr. Crops
- 2nd Team, Sr. Crops
- 6th Individ., Sr. Entomology
- 2nd Team, Sr. Entomology
- 5th Individ., Sr. Geology
- 1st Team, Sr. Geology
- 4th Individ., Sr. Horticulture
- 1st Team, Sr. Horticulture
- 6th Individ., Sr. Life Skills
- 2nd Team, Sr. Life Skills
- 7th Individ., Sr. Photography
- 1st Team, Sr. Photography
- 3rd Individ., Sr. Wildlife
- 1st Team, Sr. Wildlife

RIVER H. (PH)

- 8th Individ., Sr. Crops
- 2nd Team, Sr. Crops
- 2nd Individ., Sr. Entomology
- 2nd Team, Sr. Entomology
- 3rd Individ., Sr. Geology
- 1st Team, Sr. Geology
- 1st Individ., Sr. Horticulture
- 1st Team, Sr. Horticulture
- 2nd Team, Sr. Life Skills
- 1st Team, Sr. Photography
- 1st Individ., Sr. Wildlife
- 1st Team, Sr. Wildlife

JONATHON P. (PH)

- 2nd Team, Sr. Crops
- 9th Individ., Sr. Entomology
- 2nd Team, Sr. Entomology
- 4th Individ., Sr. Geology
- 1st Team, Sr. Geology
- 1st Team, Sr. Horticulture
- 5th Individ., Sr. Life Skills
- 2nd Team, Sr. Life Skills
- 4th Individ., Sr. Photography
- 1st Team, Sr. Photography
- 6th Individ., Sr. Wildlife
- 1st Team, Sr. Wildlife

KALRY P. (PH)

- 2nd Team, Sr. Crops
- 2nd Team, Sr. Entomology
- 7th Individ., Sr. Geology
- 1st Team, Sr. Geology
- 8th Individ., Sr. Horticulture
- 1st Team, Sr. Horticulture
- 2nd Team, Sr. Life Skills
- 3rd Individ., Sr. Photography
- 1st Team, Sr. Photography

KENZIE S. (PH)

- 2nd Individ., Int. Entomology
- 6th Individ., Int. Geology
- 3rd Individ., Int. Horticulture
- 3rd Individ., Int. Life Skills
- 4th Individ., Int. Wildlife



Congratulations to these 4-H members on their placings!

GRAND DRIVE & KJLS IMPORTANT DATES

April 20	Last Day to Order Beef DNA Envelopes
May 1	Market Beef Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked
	Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
June 5	Small Livestock Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked
June 15	-Market Swine, Commercial Breeding Gilt -Market Lamb, Commercial Breeding Ewe -ALL Meat Goat (<i>Market & Breeding</i>)
	Commercial Heifer Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked
	Registered Breeding Heifer Papers in Exhibitor's Name
	Registered Steer Papers in Exhibitor's Name
	Registered Breeding Gilt Papers in Exhibitor's Name
July 1	Registered Breeding Ewe Papers in Exhibitor's Name
July 15	Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline
July 25	Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Late Entry Deadline
August 15	KJLS Entry Deadline
August 31	KJLS Late Entry Deadline
Sept. 11-13	Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
Oct. 2-4	KJLS

*Allmarket animals must be nominated to be eligible for either show, regardless of breed or gender.

**Allcommercial breeding females must be nominated to be eligible for either show.

***Registered breeding females must be in the exhibitor's name by the appropriate date to be eligible for either show. Refer to show rules for details.

****All meat goats, including market, commercial breeding does, and registered breeding does must be nominated to be eligible for either show.

KANSAS STATE YOUTH LIVESTOCK NOMINATION PROCESS



2026 UPDATES



CREATE NEW ACCOUNT FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

All exhibitors will need to select “I am a new exhibitor” and create a new exhibitor account through ShoWorks this year. Even if the young person has nominated in previous years, a new account needs to be created at the beginning of 2026. The only exception is those who will be using the Passport App. Families will need their official KSU Family Name and Nomination #, as well as the new YQCA certification number to create an exhibitor’s account. This information is posted via the KSU Family Nomination Name and Number List posted on the [Nomination Information](#) page of the website.

Reminder – **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 that animal. 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 the animal for 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 – 2025 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. Everyone is encouraged to order DNA envelopes as early as possible. The deadline to order DNA envelopes is **10 days prior** to the nomination deadline for each specie:

Market Beef– April 20

Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers – June 5

EXPEDITED SHIPPING OPTIONS

There is a new option this year for families to pay an additional \$10 for Priority Shipping of DNA envelopes. Priority Shipping provides an estimated 3-5 day delivery through USPS and tracking. There is also a \$50 option for overnight shipping via FedEx. 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.

DNA envelope orders will continue to be shipped using standard USPS mail at no additional cost. The above are optional for expedited shipping. DNA envelopes may also be picked up in-person from the KSU Youth Livestock Program Office the next business day after placing the order online.

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**. FFA Chapters are available in the system under the county is which they are located. It is vitally important families select the appropriate “Club” for each exhibitor.

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 eligible to be entered by an exhibitor in either division for the Grand Drive and/or KJLS. The decision will be made during show entry. Livestock may only be shown in one division.

KANSAS STATE FAIR GRAND DRIVE CHANGES

Hair Sheep have been added to both the market and breeding divisions of the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive. Refer to the 2026 [Grand Drive](#) rules and schedule for more information.

KJLS CHANGES

Landrace and Chester White are new swine breeds in the market and breeding divisions of KJLS. Gelbvieh has also been added to the breeding heifer show. The minimum weight for market goats will be 50 pounds. The shows will be full fit beginning this year. Several scheduling changes will also be implemented. Refer to the 2026 [KJLS](#) rules and schedule for more information.

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 28th 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 28th at 11:59 p.m. You can find more information about YQCA at <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/YQCA.html>

In person class dates:

- Thursday, May 21st

**** 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 at about the same time they were 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.

STATE EVENTS

& OPPORTUNITIES



Discovery Days
JUNE 3-5

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The poster features a young man wearing VR goggles and a purple t-shirt with a 'BUILDING A MINDSET FOR' logo. It includes a QR code for registration and a decorative border of colorful leaves.

[Click here to register for
Discovery Days](#)



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4-H INSECT
SPECTACULAR

JUNE 19-20, 2026 IOLA, KS

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The poster shows two children looking at a display of various insects in a box. It includes a QR code for registration and a decorative border of colorful leaves.

[Click here to register for Insect
Spectacular](#)



2026 KANSAS 4-H
GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP
REGISTRATION OPEN

When: June 12-14th 2026

Where: Southeast with
Headquarters at Parsons Middle
School

Registration Deadline: May 15th

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The poster features a QR code for registration and a photo of a geology display case with various rock and fossil samples. It includes a decorative border of colorful leaves.

[Click here to register for
Geology Field Trip](#)



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MORE KANSAS 4-H
STATE EVENT
OPPORTUNITIES
HERE:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/index.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?!

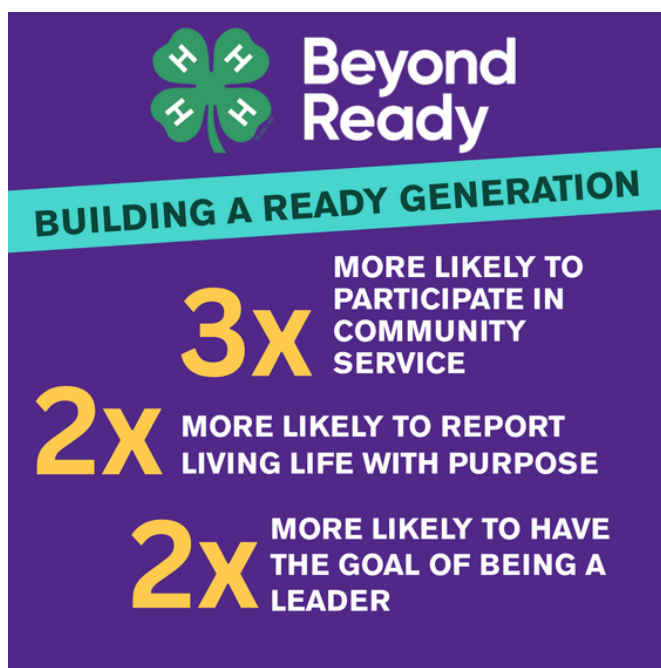
SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- 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](https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarships.html)



LOCAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS



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

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785-625-3425

Eastern: Dr. Jaymelynn Farney
620-820-6125

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Butler County

PLANT & SEED SWAP EVENT

ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

1511 E Central Ave, Andover, KS 67002

May 14th
5:30 PM

Have your houseplants turned your home into a jungle, or are your perennials taking over and needing trimming? Join the Butler County Master Gardeners for a Plant Swap!!!

Rules:

- Plants must be labeled
- Plants must be disease and insect-free
- Bring a plant or plant related item to swap



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El Dorado, KS 67042



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POND MANAGEMENT

FREE TO ATTEND



RSVP

316-321-9660

<https://forms.gle/uX4Pttop8ao5Gbyvq6>



GUEST SPEAKER:

DR. JOE GERKEN

K-State Extension
Fisheries & Aquatic Specialist



TUESDAY,
MAY 19TH, 2026



6:30 P.M.



BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY/4-H BUILDING
200 N. Griffith
El Dorado, KS 67042

COVERED TOPICS



Managing Ponds



Aquatic Plant Control



Stocking Fish

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BUTLER COUNTY BLACK GOLD SPRING SHOW

May 10th, 2026

Butler County Fairgrounds - 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 starting March 1 @ <https://showman.app/shows#/black-gold-spring-show>
- ❖ NO REFUNDS
- ❖ Entry Fees: \$25 per head (No late Entry Fee)
- ❖ Showmanship: \$5/species – pay at the gate!!
 - Grand wins 60%
 - Res. Grand wins 40%
 - 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 Doe and Ewe
- ❖ Breed champion cash prizes
- ❖ Cash prizes for each class for majority of the class
- ❖ Banners for Grand and Reserve Grand Market and Breeding Animals. Banners for Top 5 Market.
- ❖ 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 8:30 a.m.) Showmanship first
- ❖ Sheep & Goats checked-in by 10:00 a.m. (Sheep show 10:30 a.m. 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, 2026. 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 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. Minimum of 5 to make a breed class or will show as AOB.

PROSPECT SHEEP & MEAT GOATS

1. 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

Enter Here: <https://showman.app/shows#/black-gold-spring-show-64de!>

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

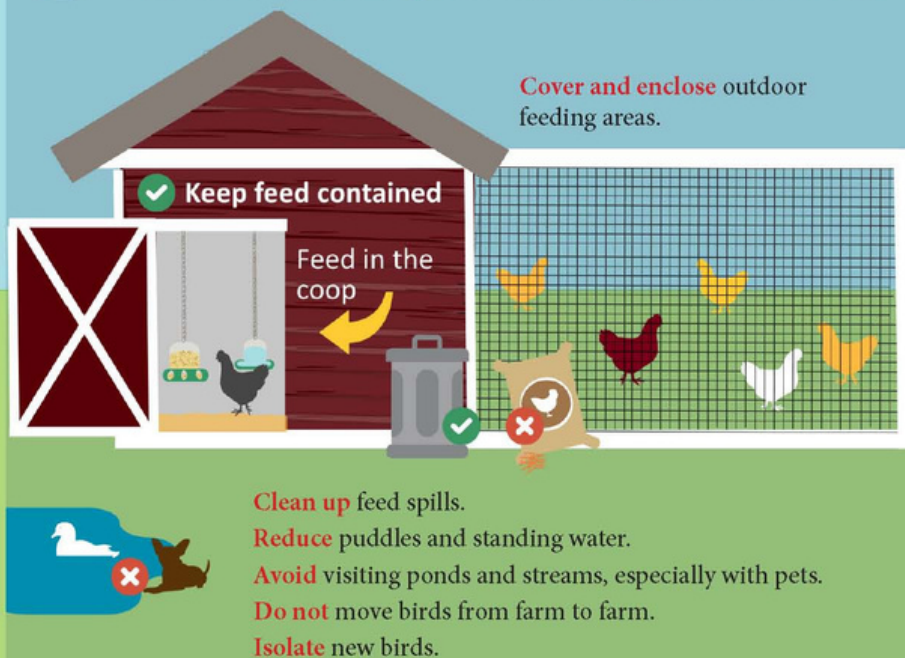
Biosecurity is your best option to prevent HPAI from entering your small or backyard poultry flock.

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.