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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1	Deadline for State Scholarship applications Deadline for Formal Dinner reservations Deadline to add or drop projects
March 8	Formal Dinner
March 11	YQCA Training
March 15	Deadline for County Scholarship Applications
March 22	Beef Weigh-In 9-11 am, Heartland Vet (Tagging will take place)
April 26	Spring Livestock Show - Beef 8:30 - 10 a.m. Swine 10-12 a.m. (Tagging will take place)
April 27	Spring Livestock Show - Goats 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. (Tagging will take place) Sheep 10:00 a.m. to noon (Tagging will take place)

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From the Desk of..... Stephanie Hays



Hello 4-H Families!

Spring is in full swing, which means our 4-H community is busy tagging livestock, hosting exciting events, and—believe it or not—already preparing for the Sedgwick County Fair! Yes, even though it's only March, now is the time to start focusing on your 4-H projects to ensure you're ready for fair season.

This newsletter is packed with important updates, deadlines, and opportunities to help you stay on track. We hope you take advantage of everything available to you!

Fair Updates & Reminders

- Fair Schedule Changes – The 4-H portion of the fair has been extended by a day, with Static Judging now beginning on July 8th. Be sure to check the updated fair schedule (included in this newsletter) and hang it on your fridge so you don't miss any key events.
- Project Updates – Some project rules and guidelines have changed, including updates to Interior Design and Shopping in Style. Be sure to check the K-State website for details. I will also be sending out an email next month highlighting these changes.
- Now is the Time to Prepare! – Whether you're working on livestock, foods, arts, photography, or any other project, starting early is key to success at the fair. Take time now to set goals, practice your skills, and fine-tune your projects so you can showcase your best work in July!

Exciting News from Our Office

We are thrilled to welcome Lori Holt, our new program manager, to the Sedgwick County 4-H family! She's settling into her role and is eager to meet you all. Stop by the office when you have a chance to say hello!

Let's make this a fantastic fair season—happy project planning!



All Livestock 4-H and FFA members have to participate in a YQCA program before being allowed to show at 4-H events this year.

Instructor-Led classes are scheduled at the Extension office (7001 W 21st St N Wichita, KS 67205) at 7:00 PM on **March 11th**.

You only need to attend one class. The cost for the instructor-led class is \$3.00.

On-Line classes can be found at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and the cost is \$12.00. If you take an online class, please print your certificate. You can either email it to me or bring it to the office.

You need to set up an account for the Instructor-Led or On-Line class. Help tools at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZHW2qtMI0c> will help with enrolment for your YQCA account and course.

The Goals of YQCA are to:

- Ensure safety and well-being of animals produced by youth for showing and for 4-H and FFA projects.
- Ensure a safe food supply to consumers.
- Enhance the future of livestock industry by educating our youth on these very important issues so they can become more informed producers, consumers and/or employees in the agriculture and food industry
- Maximize the limited development time and budgets of state and national youth program leaders to provide an effective quality assurance program.
- Offer livestock shows a valid, national quality assurance certification for youth exhibitors.
- The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals national multi-species quality assurance program embraces human diversity and is committed to ensuring that its educational programs are available to youth and adults on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. This statement is in accordance with U.S. civil rights laws and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Important Information!

Summer Camp Registration is Open for 2025 Season

Families and youth eager to experience the excitement of 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch can secure their spots for the upcoming summer sessions. This includes mini camp, half week and full week sessions, teen leadership and several new specialty camps. For more information: <https://ksre.k-state.edu/tuesday/announcement/?id=101198>

State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Changes

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Family Scholarship application process is now open. Applications are due by March 1, 2024, at 11:59 PM.

To learn more about the scholarship process use the following link or click here

<https://kansas4h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Scholarships are available to current high school seniors and undergraduate students. There are several scholarships that graduate and professional students are eligible for. Please encourage all these individuals to apply for one of the Kansas 4-H Scholarships. Questions can be directed to Sarah Keatley, 620.366.0035 or keatley@ksu.edu

Post High School Sedgwick County Scholarships

The following county scholarships are available to qualified Sedgwick County 4-H members for further education at a community college, 4 year institution, technical school in or out of state.

The Sedgwick County 4-H Scholarship application form can be used for the following scholarships, Teen Council, and 4-H Advisory. All applications are due March 15.

<https://kansas4h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Livestock Scholarship application is now live at

<https://form.jotform.com/240137898944066>

Applicant must be a current member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter located in Sedgwick County. Applicant must be a high school senior graduating in the spring of 2025.

Applications must be submitted to the Sedgwick County Youth Livestock Foundation by March 15, 2025. For further information please review the application and if you have questions please email sedgyouthlivestock@gmail.com.

YQCA Scholarship available to high school seniors to age 21, pursuing an agriculture degree or trade. Scholarship applications are open from January 1st -February 17th. Recipients will be announced in May. More information posted on YQCA website:

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Livestock Events:

County:

Beef Weigh-in and Tagging - March 22, 9-11 a.m., Heartland Vet

Spring Livestock Show - April 26, Cheney Fairgrounds, Beef - 8:30 - 10 a.m.

April 26, Cheney Fairgrounds, Swine - 10:00 - noon (Tagging will take place at this time)

April 27, Cheney Fairgrounds, Meat Goats, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. (Tagging will take place at this time)

April 27, Cheney Fairgrounds, Sheep - 10:00 a.m. - 12 a.m (Tagging will take place at this time)

May 30th - Pre-Entry Deadline for All livestock including rabbits, poultry, and horse show entries into the Fair Program.

Deadline for Horse I.D. papers due to the office.

State:

- **K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day**

Date: March 22, 2025

Location: Stanley Stout Center, Manhattan, KS

Description: A one-day educational event focusing on the selection and management of youth meat goat projects.

- **K-State Invitational Meat Judging Contest**

Date: April 5, 2025

Location: Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Description: An educational opportunity for youth to enhance their meat judging skills.

Horse Events:

- **Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest**

Date: March 21, 2025

Location: Equifest of Kansas, Saline County Expo Center, Salina, KS

Description: An educational experience for participants to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter, including structure and movement.

For more details and updates, please visit <https://www.equifestofks.com/>

Complete 4-H division information and rules are available at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html>



What is a Coggins test?

'Coggins' is a common name for a blood test that is used to screen horses, mules and donkeys for a possibly fatal disease - Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA).

What is Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA)?

EIA is an infectious, and potentially even deadly, virus that affects the immune system of animals in the equidae family.

While some animals are able to carry the virus without showing symptoms, other horses will suffer from very severe symptoms of the disease including irregular heartbeats, swollen legs and abdomen, general weakness, anemia, a high fever and even sudden death.

A herd outbreak of EIA can lead to catastrophic consequences which is why it is essential for horse owners to be diligent about testing for the disease.

How can my horse catch EIA?

EIA is transmitted from one horse to another through mosquito bites, horse flies, deer flies or stable flies that have fed on a different infected animal. This means that your horse does not even need to have come into direct contact with an infected animal in order to contract this disease.

Because flies are attracted to barns and other places that horses frequent, this extremely serious disease can be quickly and easily transmitted from one horse to another.

Where/How is a Coggins test performed?

A veterinarian conducts a thorough exam of the horse and performs a blood draw. The blood is submitted to an accredited laboratory. Once the analysis is complete, the lab will forwards the results either directly to the owner, and/or to your veterinarian. Some veterinary clinics use digital Coggins testing technology. This means that the results of the test will be visible online, but can be printed.



Why is Coggins testing important and who should be testing?

EIA is highly contagious and fatal. Responsible horse owners should test annually, especially if horses will be comingled with other horses.

An example of a Coggins certificate as well as additional information can be found here: <https://www.ksvhc.org/services/equine/field/coggins.html>

What does Kelsey recommend for your local shows?

I recommend that local shows require proof of negative Coggins test within the last 12 months per the updated KDAH requirement. Here's an example of what the rule in your rulebook could be: "All exhibits in the 4-H Horse Show must present proof of negative Coggins test within the last 12 months at check-in."

Local units may consider partnering with a local veterinarian to offer a Coggins and vaccination clinic.

This updated requirement is not the result of an EIA outbreak in the state. I believe it is just implementing good biosecurity practices.

Kelsey Nordyke, M.S.

4-H Ag Sciences Program Specialist

Kansas 4-H Youth Development

Mobile Phone (620) 222-1311



Explore 'Hunting Skills'



Field Day 4.5.2025



Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports Club

13689 182nd Rd. (37°12'55.3"N 96°55'05.0"W) Winfield, KS 67156

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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This is **NOT** a state qualifier for 4-H Hunting Skills members: It is a multi-county educational 4-H Day event.

All youth must be enrolled in good standing with their local 4-H county office.

Those enrolled in Hunting Skills, 9 years of 4-H age through 18 years as of Jan. 1st 4-H age.

Will receive priority of registration. Limited to 40 4-H'ers this year per range areas.

Ear and Eye protection will be required as needed by each discipline. All live fire equipment will be provided.

Live Fire Range Instructors have final approval of members receiving live fire opportunities day of event.

- A sampling of Hunter Knowledge, Wildlife Identification, Maps & Compass mixed in with Hunting Scenario Ranges—
Kansas seasons of Turkey, Dove, Coyote and/or Rabbit.



- Opportunities to learn about trapping, hunting with sporting dogs, wildlife conservation practices, AND
- a Dutch oven cooking sampler!

****\$20.00/registration fee—Lunch provided. Restrooms provided. Equipment provided.**

Contact: Austin Waite, cowley4hshootingsports@gmail.com 620-222-1982

Spectators/Parents may purchase 'Campfire Lunch' plates—\$10.00/plate

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Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means of communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may be requested two weeks prior to the start of the event April 5, 2025. Contact local extension office, 620-221-5450, Agent Sarah Lagrone.

Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information, will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.



April 5, 2025 ~ 13689 182nd Rd ~ (37°12'55.3"N 96°55'05.0"W) ~ Winfield, KS 67156 ~ 10:00am to 3:00 pm

Email:

[illegible]

Total Fees (Due at check-in) = \$

To verify all youth are currently enrolled in the respective discipline and have met your local units requirements to be eligible to participate in a live fire event.

Archery

Shotgun

Small Bore Rifle &/or Muzzleloader

INSECT ART CONTEST 2025

By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night

Contest Announcement & Rules



WATCH FOR JUDGING
RESULTS
in mid-May on the KSRE
Pesticide Safety and
Integrated Pest
Management Program
Facebook page!



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 *"By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night."* The goal is to explore which insects are active or inactive at night and why, then create artwork that fits the contest theme.

We will select a winner from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries. Artists that have art selected as 1st - 3rd place winners will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Select artwork may be used to create educational items.

- Kindergarten - 2nd grade
- 3rd grade - 5th grade
- 6th grade - 8th grade
- 9th grade - 12th grade
- Adults
- Traditional Illustration: Drawing or painting
- 3-D: canvas, collage, pottery, stained glass, or other media
- Digital Artwork

Rules

- Only one art entry per participant may be entered each year
- A legible, completed entry form must accompany all entries (*use provided entry form*)
- Traditional illustrations must be on 8.5" x 11" flat paper; Digital art must be 8.5" x 11" print size
- Participants may choose to email a jpg or png image of the entry if wanting to keep their original artwork; however, the image must be clear. The file should be named as the artist's name and age level (example: firstname.lastname.agelevel)
- Entries must be the original work of the entrant - no traced or copyright protected images
- Entries must feature an insect as the central point of focus that fits the contest theme
- A legible, completed art label must be attached to original artwork (*use provided art label*)
- **Entries must be postmarked or received by April 15, 2025**

Mail entries to: Frannie Miller
Pesticide Safety and IPM Program
600 West Woodside McPherson,
KS 67460

Or email to: Frannie Miller
Email address: pesticidesafety@ksu.edu
Subject Line: Insect Art Contest Submission

Return of Original Artwork

Participants may pick up their entries at the McPherson County Extension Office during operating hours after June 1, 2025, or elect to pay for mailing materials and postage to have original artwork returned.

INSECT ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM & LABEL

Complete form and send with art entry



Entries will be judged according to their adherence to the contest theme and overall visual impact, originality, artistic skill, and effort level. We are looking for colorful and creative art. Have fun!

ENTRY FORM - FILL OUT & SEND WITH ALL ARTWORK

Artist Information

First Name:

Last Name:

School Grade (write Adult if out of high school): _____

School/4-H Club/Affiliation: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ County: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Artwork Category & Information

☐ Traditional Illustration ☐ Digital Art ☐ 3-D Artwork: _____

Title and Description of Artwork: _____

Artwork Pickup Information

☐ I do not need the artwork returned ☐ I plan to pick up the artwork after June 1st

☐ I will contact you about payment to return the artwork by mail

ART LABEL - FOR ORIGINAL ARTWORK

Artwork Title : _____
Artist Name : _____
School/4-H Club/Affiliation : _____
Grade/Adult : _____
County : _____

Fill out, cut and tape to the back of original artwork, on the lower right side.

TEEN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



Sedgwick County
4-H invites you to

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**JOIN THE 4-H
TEEN COUNCIL**

Meeting Times
4th Monday night of every
month
7:00 p.m.
Extension Office

Open to any Sedgwick County 4-H Youth ages 13 and over.

Sedgwick County 4-H Teen Council provides an opportunity to work within your community with younger 4-Hers, participate in community service projects, get to know 4-H Teens from other county clubs and participate in leadership conferences and workshops.

Deadline is Fast Approaching

All 4-H youth 13-18 are invited to attend the 4-H Formal Dinner to be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 8, 2025. The dinner followed by a dance will be held at the Holiday Inn Wichita East I-35, an IHG Hotel 549 S Rock Rd, Wichita, KS. The evening will consist of learning about formal etiquette and also feature a presentation by Jaryth Barten. Members are also allowed to invite a guest. The theme for the evening will be "Under the Sea". Cost of the tickets will be \$40 per person. **Deadline to purchase tickets is March 1, 2025.** Contact Stephanie Hays at 660-0112 if you have questions. This is her current office number.

Click on the link to purchase your tickets:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/registration/npfquy5/lp/6d951f57-3ee9-4777-98de-02718565cfc7>

For more information contact
Stephanie Hays 316-660-0112
sahays@ksu.edu
Sedgwick County Extension Office

PLEASE JOIN US
MARCH 8, 2025

4-H Teen Council Formal Dinner

ALL YOUTH AGES 13-18 ARE INVITED TO JOIN
SEDGWICK COUNTY 4-H TEENS AT 6:00PM
MARCH 8, 2025 FOR A FORMAL DINING
EXPERIENCE FOLLOWED BY A DANCE!
FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE
QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

 **RSVP**
[BIT.LY/FORMALDINNER2025](https://bit.ly/FormalDinner2025)



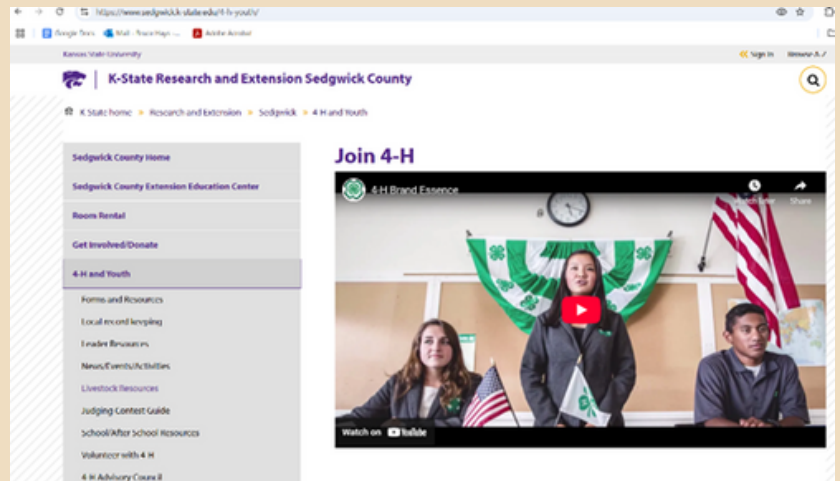
 

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Teen Council met on Monday
night to work on decorations for
Formal Dinner.

For any questions related to 4-H Youth Development in Sedgwick County, be sure to visit the [Sedgwick County Extension 4-H Youth Development](https://www.sedgwick.kstate.edu/4-h/youth/)

site. It offers valuable resources, program information, and answers to all your inquiries. You can find everything you need at this site. Whether you're new to 4-H or looking for updates, this is your go-to destination for all things related to youth programs and development!



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Deadline to order is March 6, 2025

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Questions?
Contact Cathy Jones at
316-660-0113
cpjones@ksu.edu

Sedgwick County Fair Schedule

Friday, May 30th

- **5:00 PM**

Deadline - for *all livestock* pre-entries (including rabbits, poultry and horse show entries into the Fair Program).

Deadline - Horse I.D. papers due to the office.

Friday, June 13th

- **5:00 PM**

Deadline - for Style Revue pre-entries in Fair Program

Friday, June 20th

- **5:00 PM**

Deadline - for all Static pre-entries in Fair Program

Thursday, June 26th

- **8:30 AM–1:00 PM:**

Fashion Revue Judging

- **9:00 AM**

Creative Tables

FCS Judging contest

Photography Judging contest

Horticulture Judging contest

- **10:00 AM**

Hand Pet Judging

- **7:30–8:30 PM**

Style Revue and Awards

Saturday, June 28th

- **8:00 AM – noon**

Livestock Barn Clean-Up at fair grounds

Monday, July 7th

- **5:00-8:00 PM**

Early Check-in at fairgrounds in Cheney for 4-Hers not wanting to participate in Static exhibit consultative judging on Tuesday.

Tuesday, July 8th

- **9:30–12:30 PM**

Static Check-in - All items must be checked in by 12:30 PM

- **9:30 – 10:00 AM**

Judges meeting

- **10:00 AM–Completion (5:00 PM at the latest)**

Judging of exhibits including:

- o Aerospace/Rocketry
- o Ag Mechanics Welding
- o Astronomy
- o Building Block Engineering
- o Cloverbuds
- o Clothing and Textiles
- o Club Banners
- o Computer Science
- o Crops (Agronomy)
- o Educational Displays, Self-Determined, Miscellaneous
- o Electric and Renewable Energy
- o Entomology
- o Environmental Sciences
- o Fiber Arts
- o Foods and Nutrition
 - Food Preservation
 - Candy Making Contest
 - Decorated Cakes Contest
 - Food for Fun Contest
- o Forestry
- o Geology
- o Health and Wellness
- o Home Environment (Interior Design)
- o Horticulture and Landscape
- o Leadership
- o Photography
- o Plant Science
- o Reading Adventures
- o Robotics
- o Rocketry
- o Shooting Sports
- o Shopping in Style
- o Small Engines
- o Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
- o Veterinary Science
- o Visual Arts
- o Wildlife
- o Wood Science

Wednesday, July 9th

- 7:00 AM: Horse Show Check-in
- 7:45 AM: Mandatory Horse Exhibitor Meeting
- 8:00 AM: Horse Show Begins

Noon-8:30 PM: Livestock Weigh-ins and Check-ins

- o Noon - 1:00 PM Sheep Check-in and weigh-in
- o 5:00 - 6:00 PM Goats Check-in and weigh-in
- o 6:00 - 7:30 PM Beef Check-in
- o 7:30 - 8:30 PM Beef Weigh-in
- o 6:00 - 7:30 PM Swine Check-in and weigh-in

5:00 PM: Poultry Check in

5:00-9:00 PM: Building Open for Public Viewing; Food Sale by Teen Council

6:00 PM Rabbit Check in

7:00 PM Parade

7:00 PM Rabbit Showmanship

9:00 PM: Mandatory Livestock Meeting. (Beef, Dairy Cows, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Sheep, and Swine)

Thursday, July 10th - Livestock Judging

- o 8:00 AM: Sheep Judging and Showmanship—This is a schedule change
- o 9:00 AM: Poultry and Rabbit Judging
- o 11:00 AM: Beef Judging and Showmanship
- o 12:00 PM-8:00 PM: Building Open for Public Viewing
 - o 4-H clubs will be assigned shifts to monitor the building
- o 2:30 PM: Meat Goat Judging and Showmanship
- o 7:00 PM: Swine Judging and Showmanship

Friday, July 11th - Dairy Judging

- o 8:00 AM: Judging of Dairy Goats and Showmanship This is a schedule change
- o 10:00 AM-12:00 PM: Demonstrations/Speeches—Will be assigned a time
- o 10:30 AM: Dairy Cattle Judging and Showmanship
- o 7:30 PM: Round Robin Showmanship, Followed by Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 12th

8:00 AM Sedgwick County Dog Show

Sedgwick County K-State Research and Extension Building 7001 W 21st St N. Wichita, KS

5:30 PM Livestock Barbeque

6:30 PM Youth Livestock Sale

8:00 PM Livestock Exhibits Released

8:00 PM 4-H Exhibits Released- All exhibits must be picked up by 9:00 PM

- o 4-H Clubs help clean up buildings as needed

8:30-9:00 PM Clean-up of Livestock Exhibit Area



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