

THE 4-H NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY
2024

BUTLER COUNTY THRIVING IN 4-H

Butler County has some pretty special kids! 4-H can take youth as far as they want to go. The sky is truly the limit for youth who embrace 4-H to the fullest.

Kylee B. is a member of the Purple Heart 4-H Club in Andover. She is actively involved in shooting sports, self-determined (Honey Bees), photography, foods and nutrition, leadership, fiber arts, plant science and visual arts. Kylee was elected to the Kansas 4-H Council and also 1 of 6 selected to represent Kansas at National 4-H Conference this spring.

Cami M. is a member of the Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club. She is actively involved in beef, communications, leadership, sheep and photography. Cami was selected as 1 of 2 Kansas 4-H Youth to represent Kansas in the AgriScience track at the National Ignite by 4-H Conference this spring in Washington, D.C.

As you can tell, whether it is non-livestock or livestock projects, there is something for everyone and 4-H will take you places!

~Charlene Miller

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Happy Valentine's Day!

LEADER'S LOUNGE

February 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 callendar
- Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter at your club meeting

Promote/Recruit

- YQCA for all 4-H'ers enrolled in animal projects

To-Do

- Make sure 4-H Council Report is given
- Remind 4-H'ers to complete registration for 4-H Day
- Remind 4-H'ers to prepare presentations for 4-H Day
- Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Remind 4-Her's to enroll and select projects in 4-H Online by the May 1st deadline
- Help 4-Her's plan and prepare projects for the fair
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resouces page [HERE](#)

Remember

- Make it a fun and rewarding year!
- Work with your co-leader!
- Spring Beef Weigh-in
- 4-H Day



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

February

- **February 1st:** Volunteer Registration Deadline
- **February 5th:** 4-H Council Meeting
- **February 11th:** 4-H Day Registration Deadline
- **February 12th:** Jr. Beef Producer Day Registration Deadline
- **February 18th-19th:** Citizenship in Action
- **February 21st:** YQCA In-person Training
- **February 24th:** Beef Weigh-In and Tagging
- **February 25th:** 4-H Day
- **February 26th:** Jr. Sheep Producer Day Registration Deadline

MARCH

- **March 1st:** Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline
- **March 2nd:** Junior Beef Producer Day - Manhattan
- **March 12th:** YQCA In-Person Training
- **March 14th:** State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- **March 16th:** Junior Sheep Producer Day - Manhattan
- **March 23rd:** 4-H Super Saturday Judging Contest

April

- **April 1st:** 4-H Council Meeting
- **April 12th:** Club Quarterly Report Deadline
- **April 13th:** Regional 4-H Day
- **April 18th:** YQCA In-Person Training
- **April 19th-24th:** National 4-H Conference
- **April 20th:** Spring State Shooting Sports Match
- **April 21st:** Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep & Meat Goat Tagging
- **April 21st:** Market Dairy Wether ID Forms Deadline
- **April 21st-27th:** National Volunteer Week

See the full 2023-2024 Calander [HERE](#)

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 by May 31st at 11:30 a.m..

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

- Wednesday, February 21st
- Tuesday, March 12th
- Thursday, April 18th
- 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 BUTLER COUNTY 4-H DAY

2024 Butler County 4-H Day

February 25, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

Butler Community College

901 S. Haverhill Rd., El Dorado

Buildings 700 & 1500

EVENTS

Public Presentations Talent Showcase

Individual, Group, and Club Divisions

Gavel Games Crunch Time

Treat for all participants!!

What is 4-H Day??

This is an opportunity for all Butler County 4-H members to share their speaking skills, knowledge, talents, and creativity before a larger audience.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ⇒ Registration Deadline—Sunday, February 11th.
- ⇒ Late Registrations will NOT be accepted
- ⇒ Must be enrolled in 4-H to be eligible to participate
<https://v2.4honline.com/>
- ⇒ 4-H Day Guidelines are located here:
<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/4hday.html>
- ⇒ Register for Butler County 4-H Day here:
<https://forms.gle/fmJZnkNKcH2iQapy9>
- ⇒ County 4-H Day is a qualifying event for the Kansas State Fair Demonstration/ Illustrated Talks contest.



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REGIONAL 4-H DAY

April 13, 2024

Sedgwick County Extension Office

COUNTIES

- Butler County
- Cowley County
- Sumner County
- Sedgwick County



Butler County 4-H Day Judges will select the top presenters to represent Butler County at the Regional Competition. 4-H'ers that are selected will be notified within One Week of the conclusion of the Butler County 4-H Day.

Events

- Public Presentations
- Demonstration and Illustrated Talks
- Project Talks
- Public Speaking
- Readings



Section	Event	**Regional** Qualification/Number of Top Ribbon Placings For County & Regionals	Number of 4-H Participants	Maximum Time Allowed
Public Presentations	<u>Speech</u>			
	Sr. Public Speaking	3	1-2	8 minutes
	Sr. Impromptu Public Speaking	3	1-2	8 minutes
	Jr. Project Talks	3	1-2	5 minutes
	Int. Project Talks	3	1-2	5 minutes
	<u>Demonstration/Illustrated Talk</u>			
	Senior	3	1-3	8 minutes
	Intermediate	3	1-3	8 minutes
	Junior	3	1-3	5 minutes
	<u>Reading</u>			
	Senior	3	1	5 minutes
	Intermediate	3	1	5 minutes
	Junior	3	1	5 minutes





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/2024%204-H%20FFA%20Fair%20Rules.pdf>

Important 2024 Deadlines

- **April 21st:** Small Animal Tagging*
- **April 21st:** Market Dairy Wether ID Form Deadline
- **April 21st:** Bucket Calf Tagging Deadline*
- **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*
- **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 chart [HERE](#)



CLUB NEWS

Benton Busy Bees held their January meeting on the 7th at 5:00pm at the Benton Community Building. The theme was 'wear your pajamas'. We had a wonderful supper of delicious breakfast foods to celebrate the holidays! Thank you to all the people that brought any dish and helped set it all up! We then followed with our annual gift exchange, which is always a good time. The club made a motion to buy a new esel for our demonstrations. Jack M. did a demonstration about ear notches on pigs and did a good job! Our next meeting will be held at the Benton Community Building at 5:30pm on February 4, 2024.

Signing out until next month-

- Brynlie N. -

Benton Busy Bees Reporter

December was a busy month for the **Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club**. We celebrated a Merry Christmas with several activities. The members enrolled in the foods project baked cookies so that the club could hand them out when we sang Christmas carols to the people of Cassoday. Each citizen was sang a few songs then they enjoyed a plate of cookies. The club also visited Botanica to enjoy the Christmas lights on display. We also bought food and gifts for the Flinthills district angel tree families and purchased toys for the Extension Office Toy Drive. The Cassoday Boosters next club meeting will be Monday, January 15th at the Flinthills Primary School at 7pm.

Submitted by:

Jake S., Reporter





FCS JUDGING TEAM

Congratulations to Butler County 4-H FCS Judging Team on representing the state of Kansas and their success at Nationals! The team consisted of Mikalyn P., Kylee B., Taylor G., and Brenna S. The team traveled down to San Antonio, Texas January 10-13th to compete. They placed 7th in the Skill-a-Thon and 9th in the Consumer Decision Making Contest.



4-H AND BEYOND!



Ellie N.

Benton Busy Bees

Ellie was recently elected as a first-year junior board member for the Eastern Kansas Swine Show Series

Natalie S.

Hickory Helpers

Natalie recently represented the state of Kansas in the USSA National All State Tournament in Viera, Florida. Her team won the High School Open Division and she was named the Tournament MVP



Cally M.

Cassoday Boosters

Cally recently attended the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado. Her Hereford heifer, Vegas, took Reserve in thier Division in both the Junior and Open Shows

2024 K-STATE Junior BEEF Producer Day

MARCH 2

Program

Join us March 2, 2024, for the K-State Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by February 12 and \$25 for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 12 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including youth and adults.

Tentative Schedule

8:00AM Check-in & Registration
 9:30AM Welcome
 9:45AM Project Selection
 10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions
 -Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Hair Care, Clipping & Fitting
 NOON Lunch
 1:00PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
 - Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
 3:15PM Wrap-up & Dismissal
 3:30PM YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)

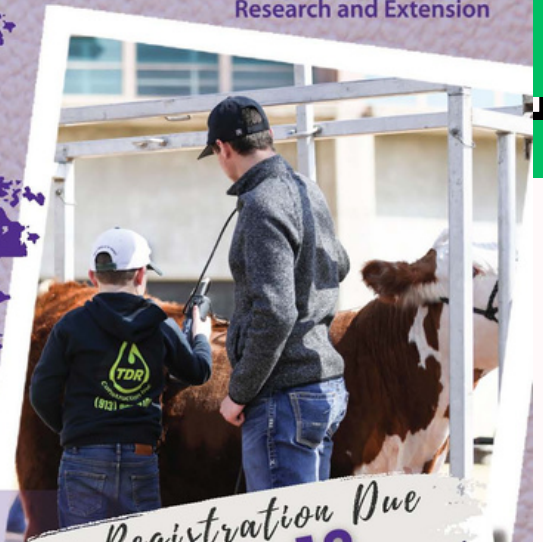
Registration

Registration Deadline: February 12
 Registration Fee: \$20/person
 Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>
 Late Registration: \$25/person after February 12

- *All attendees must register, including youth & adults.
- **Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- ***To register by mail, contact Lexie for a paper registration form.



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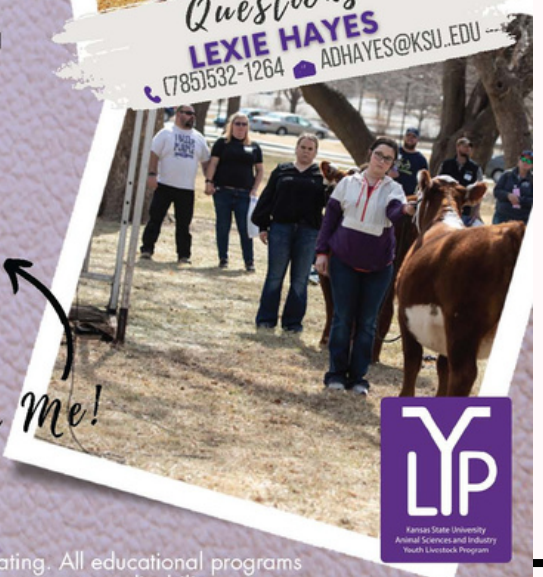


Registration Due
FEB. 12



Questions
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MARCH 16



Join us for K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. Lunch is included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by February 26, or \$25/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register.



Tentative Schedule

- 8:30AM Check-in & Registration
- 9:30AM Welcome
- 9:45AM Project Selection
- 10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions
 - Nutrition, Facilities & Equipment, Starter Flock
- NOON Lunch
- 12:45PM Health
- 1:30PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
 - Wool, Showmanship, Clipping & Grooming
- 3:45PM Wrap-up & Dismissal
- 4:00PM YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)



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Questions

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YOUTH LAWN MOWING CLINIC

Thursday, March 14th, 2024
Butler Community Building
200 N. Griffith - El Dorado, KS
Registration Begins at 9:20 a.m. Clinic Will Be 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

You Will Learn:

- ✓ Lawn Mower Safety
- ✓ Lawn Mower Maintenance
- ✓ Proper Care for Various Types of Turfgrass
- ✓ Business Skills Necessary to Run Your Own Lawn Mowing Business

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

CLINIC COST IS \$10

This clinic is designed for youth in 5th through 9th grade

REGISTER NOW

- 📞 316-321-9660
- ✉ callae@ksu.edu



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