

THE 4-H FLASH NEWSLETTER

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February 2025

Supporter's Week will be held the

week of February 23rd through March 1st!

Supporter's Week is an opportunity for 4-H members to thank members of the community who support 4-H in a variety of ways. A 4-H Supporter is not just someone who contributes money to the 4-H program. Supporters are cheerleaders for 4-H and are interested in seeing Cowley County 4-H thrive. Supporter lists will be sent to Community Leaders to be disbursed throughout the membership. You may have additional supporters you know for your club who are not included on this list. Please be sure to thank them as well and help us get them added to the master list.

Clubs are welcome to thank their supporters as they see fit. Some examples are:

- A recorded video of 4-H members visiting the individual or business with a thank you banner and post on social media. Use the hashtag #Cowley4HSupporter. We'll share on our Cowley County 4-H Facebook page too!
- Handwritten (by 4-H'ers) thank you notes are also great. (Special thank you cards are available at the Extension Office) Please consider that a thank you note goes above and beyond, "Thank you for supporting 4-H." Take the time to share with your supporter a little about you and what you love about 4-H. Remember that larger businesses and organizations should be given more than an individual supporter.

Be sure to post pictures on Facebook!

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Cowley County Extension
Office will be closed
February 17, 2025
in observance of
President's Day.



Community Leaders

February Check-Up

- * Encourage 4-Her's to ask their friends to attend a meeting.
- * 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.
- * Have you checked out the [4-H Club Corner?](#)

To-Do

- * Remind 4-Her's to prepare presentations for **4-H Day**
- * Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club
- * Check club mailbox at Extension Office
- * Download club rosters regularly to verify that 4-Hers are enrolled

Promote/Recruit

- * [Willie & The Beanstalk Contest](#)
- * **4-H Day** (February 8)
- * Looking for 4-Hers to participate at Celebrate Ag. 4-H will have a booth set up inside the beef barn. We encourage any 4-Hers to come and bring their animals or any other 4-H projects and talk to the public about your project. If you cannot bring your animal or other project, you can set a project display up as well!
May/ day TBD -Beef Barn
- * [4-H Media Team](#)
- * Sign-up for County Committees

Remember

- * Work with your co-leader.
- * Attend leader/club building opportunities when offered.

Art Contest

The Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her's and art students across the state. The theme this year is "By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night". The program encourages youth and adults to get creative and create an entry before the April 15, 2025 deadline. See below for contest rules and entry forms.

Insect Art Contest

[2025 Insect Art Contest Form](#)

[2025 Insect Art Contest Flyer](#)



4-H Council & Junior Leaders

March 17, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location:

Courthouse, Assembly Room

If you were selected to represent your club at 4-H Council and find you cannot attend, please let your leader(s) know in advance and find another member to serve in your place.

4-H Junior Leaders

Next Meeting:

February 17, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Meet & Greet Fun Night!

Open to all 4-Hers!

Pizza Provided!



Congratulations!

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Cowley
County

STATE RECORD BOOK
Qualifiers

Kennedy H.



Project Area:
Meat Goat

Anthony J.



Project Area:
Aerospace/Rocketry

Important Dates and Deadlines *underlined text is a link

February

- 2/3 Registration deadline for [Horse Panorama](#)
- 2/5 Registration deadline for [KSU Jr. Swine Producer Day](#)
- 2/6 Cowley Co. Extension Council Board Mtg. 5:30 p.m., Assembly Room, Extension Office.
- 2/8 [Cowley County 4-H Day](#); Winfield Middle School
- 2/10 L.E.A.D. Application Deadline
- 2/13 L.E.A.D. Interviews
- 2/17 Jr. Leaders Meet & Greet Fun Night 6pm
- 2/17 [YQCA Scholarship Applications Deadline](#)
- [2/16-17 Citizenship In Action](#)
- LAST CALL to pick up your Chamber Bucks from the 2024 County Fair. If they are not picked up by 2/28 they will be deposited into the 4-H Council account.
- 2/22 [Cowley Co. Beef Reproduction Camp](#)
- 2/22-23 [Horse Panorama](#)
- 2/24 Registration deadline for [Willie & The Beanstalk](#)
- 2/25 Plant Day for Willie & the Beanstalk
- 2/26 Registration deadline for [KSU Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day](#)
- 2/28 Meat Broiler pick up

March

- 3/1 [KS 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline](#)
- 3/1 [KSU Jr. Swine Producer Day](#)
- 3/2 [Beef Tagging / Weigh-In Day](#) 1-4pm
- 3/13 [Livestock Info Session](#)
- 3/20 [YQCA-Cowley County](#)
- 3/22 [KSU Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day](#)

- 3/30 Regional 4-H Day (top 3 purples per division; EXCEPT Non competitive divisions (Pickle Power, Show & Share, Model Mtg)

April

- 4/11 Graduation Cords order form due
- 4/19 Cowley County Classic Beef Show
- 4/20-26 National Volunteer Week
- 4/25 Meat Broiler Judging
- 4/26 Cowley County Sheep & Meat Goat Show
- 4/27 Small Livestock [Tagging Day #1](#); 2-5pm
- 4/29 Small Livestock [Tagging Day #2](#); 5:30-7pm

May

- 5/1 Enrollment Priority Deadline (must be enrolled by this date to receive a Fair Book)
- 5/1 All Dairy (Cattle & Goat) lease forms due
- 5/1 [Horse ID Due](#)- (Updated 2024 version)
- TBD - Celebrate Ag

June

- June 4-6 [Discovery Days](#)
- [Insect Spectacular](#)
- 6/28 Barn to Ring Clinic
- Poultry PT Testing; Date TBD

July

- 7/2 ENROLLMENT DEADLINE to show at the Cowley Co. Fair (must have an approved enrollment status by 7/2)
- 7/2 ADD/DROP Projects deadline
- 7/31-8/4 Cowley County Fair

September

- 9/5-14 [Kansas State Fair](#)

Cowley County Extension Council

The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts the business of the Extension Office. The Extension Council monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the KSRE Office.

L.E.A.D.



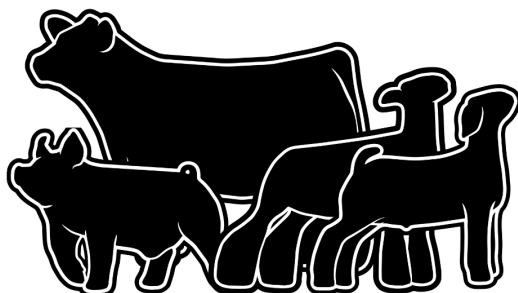
EMERGING **L**EADERS, **E**MPOWERING
YOUTH WITH **A**CCOUNTABILITY AND
POSITIVE **D**EVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
SMALL SPECIE MINI GRANT PROGRAM



We are excited to introduce the L.E.A.D Program! This is a small specie mini grant program focusing on emerging Leaders, Empowering youth with Accountability and positive Development Opportunities. This opportunity comes from the generous donations of the House Foundation. This program will be closely mirroring the Catch-A-Calf program. It will be available to Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat projects. Mini grants of \$500 will be awarded to the selected participants to go towards their market project. Participants will be held to a higher standard to become more knowledgeable about the industry, grow as leaders in their clubs and communities, and push themselves to the next level. Their projects will be exhibited at the Cowley County Fair and sold in the Premium Sale. Their projects will automatically go on to compete in the new carcass contest in Cowley County for sheep, meat goat and swine. This contest will be an opportunity for all youth to participate in with the carcass evaluation/tour on Friday following the fair.

Applications are due February 10th, 2025

<https://www.cowley.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>



COWLEY COUNTY 4-H

Livestock Judging



Follow Cowley County 4-H Sweepstakes Team on Facebook to see updates, practices and contest opportunities.

4-H Events

BEEF REPRODUCTION DAY CAMP

Come learn about Beef reproduction with realistic hands on simulators!

The Beef Production Day Camp will be discussing curriculum covering these topics in depth:

1. Beef Reproductive Systems
2. Basics of Artificial Insemination
3. Palpating and Ultrasounds
4. Calving techniques in normal delivery and dystocia,
5. Calf Simulator
 - Tube feeding-Injections-Tail bleeding
 - Ear Tagging-Castration

Intended for Youth ready to learn and have fun. Open to all 4-H ages, with parental discretion.

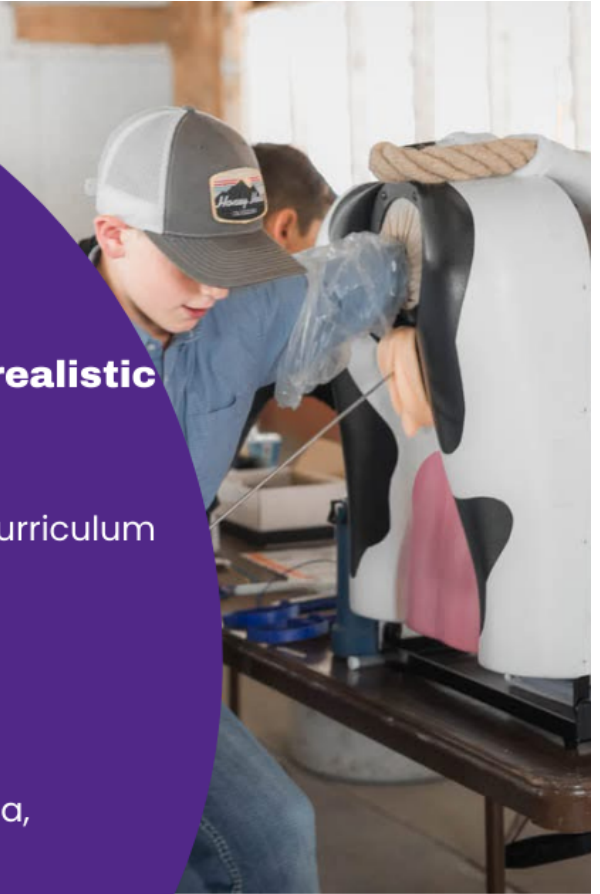
Cowley 4-H Youth-Free
Non 4-H or Non Cowley youth-\$10



Saturday, February 22 2025
2:00 PM ~ 7:00 PM



Winfield
Chamber



4-H Events



LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFO SESSION

MARCH 13, 2025, 6:00 P.M.
COWLEY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
IN PERSON OR ZOOM OPTION

This will be a great opportunity for anyone interested in getting involved in Cowley County 4-H livestock projects, wanting to learn more about your selected specie and getting to know your superintendents!

Topics Discussed:

- Fair Rules
 - Expectations
 - Specie Specific Rules/Info
 - General Care and Feeding
 - Facilities and Equipment needed
 - Answering Any Questions
-

YQCA



MARCH 20 | 5:30 PM

YQCA | **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS**

TRAINING

Extension Office Assembly Room
311 E 9th Ave. Winfield, KS 67156

This course is **highly** suggested for **ALL** Cowley County 4-H youth caring for **any** animals.

YQCA training is a requirement if you are planning to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show



Awesome Giveaways and Pizza!



Sign up today @ <https://yqcaprogram.org/>



EMAIL SLAG11@KSU.EDU FOR YOUR CLASS FEE COUPON.

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TAGGING



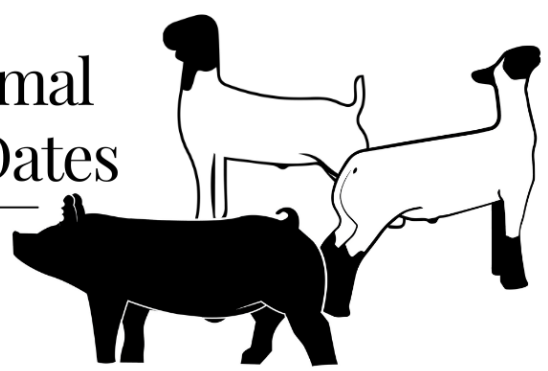
PSST...

PLEASE CONTACT SARAH IF YOUR ANIMAL ALREADY HAS A 840 EID TAG

DON'T MISS TAGGING DAY
MARKET BEEF, 2ND YEAR BUCKET CALVES AND COMMERCIAL HEIFERS TAG AND WEIGH IN
SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2025 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM WINFIELD LIVESTOCK AUCTION
You MUST be enrolled in Cowley County 4-H, and the Beef Project prior to this date
To compete in the Cowley County Fair all market beef must be tagged

Small Animal Tagging Dates

WINFIELD, KS FAIRGROUNDS



Sunday, April 27, 2025: 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 29, 2025: 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

COWLEY COUNTY 4-H ENROLLMENT REQUIRED



If you attend the Sheep/Goat Show on April 26 AND help clean up; we can tag and weigh animals there and save you a trip!

Cowley County Classic Beef Show



Roll the Dice at the

40TH ANNUAL

COWLEY COUNTY CLASSIC

BEEF SHOW

Saturday April 19, 2025

Winfield, KS

CASH AWARDS FOR THE TOP FIVE MARKET AND TOP FIVE BREEDING ANIMALS

\$750, \$500, \$350, \$200, \$100

PLUS MORE FUN PRIZES YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!



Cowley County Sheep & Meat Goat Show

**IT'S A
FIESTA**



COWLEY COUNTY
SHEEP & MEAT GOAT SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025
WINFIELD FAIRGROUNDS;
WINFIELD, KS
SHOW LOCATED IN BARN 6

Buckles, Banners, Prizes and More!!

Breeding, Market Prospect, Market Progress,
Showmanship and Cowley Class

2025 Fair Changes

MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE

Auction Clerk - Edw. B. Stephenson & Co., CPA

Monday, August 4, 2025 - 6:45 p.m. Cowley County Fairgrounds

1. The 4-H and FFA Market Livestock Sale will be for Market: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat and Rabbit Meat Pen only.
2. The sale order for 2024 will be: Meat Goat, Sheep, Beef, Rabbit and Swine
3. Animals sold through the sale must be exhibited at the Cowley County Fair.
4. Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor can participate in the Market Sale with one animal or rabbit meat pen only, and must exhibit their own animal in the sale ring. Exceptions may be considered for a substitute sale exhibitor with prior written approval prior to fair pre-entry deadline of a majority of the Market Livestock Sale Superintendents and the Cowley County Extension Agents for the following reasons: An official State or National 4-H/ FFA/Agricultural Industry event whereby the exhibitor is a documented officer or committee person.
5. The Market Livestock Sale Committee will announce a base bid on all species prior to the sale to be used only on all market animals sold through the Cowley County Fair. The base bid for all market animals will be subject to discounts for weight ranges according to industry standards. Discounts will be announced prior to the sale.
6. A charge of 3 percent of the total premium value only will be made for all animals. No commission will be charged on the base bid value of the animal. This fee is used to provide a special barbecue honoring buyers and other supporters of the Market Livestock Sale. It also covers advertisements, buyer's ribbons, and supplies.
7. All market livestock will be shown and sold based on official weight at fair weigh-in.
8. Each exhibitor must complete a "Livestock Destination" card for all livestock species eligible for the market livestock sale. This card must be turned in to the species superintendent by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a 3% dock of premium money for cards which are turned in late or marked incorrectly.
9. All animals entering the sale **ring that are not "take home"** will be sold and must be picked up by a state inspected locker plant or to the base bid buyer.
10. Steers must be controlled without use of extra ropes or lariats.
11. 4-H/FFA members selling animals through the sale are expected to feed/water and care for them up until the time they are loaded on the truck **or taken home**
12. To qualify for the auction, market animals' weight must fall within the following ranges. No shrinkage will be calculated on any animals.
 - Market steers/heifers- minimum of 1,050 pounds
 - Market hogs- 230-290 pounds
 - Market lambs- Minimum of 90 pounds
 - Rabbit meat pen- 3-5 pounds each
 - Market goats- minimum of 50 pounds.
13. **Starting in 2025 the Market Livestock Sale is not a mandatory terminal sale, individuals will have the option to select "premium only and take home" on their Livestock destination card. These animals will sell as premium only and animal will go home with the youth member.**

2025 Cowley Co Fair

Cowley County Fair Youth Participation

Flow Chart

4-H Participant

- Approved 4-H enrollment at v2.4honline.com for fair entries to be accepted
- Target Deadline May 1
- Don't miss opportunities year round in 4-H, enroll early and be active in your club

FFA Participant

- Contact the Extension Office for the FFA Participation Form and submit form by **May 1**
- FFA Youth can participate in: Beef, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Rabbit and Poultry
- Agronomy
- Ag Mechanics Welding
- STEM-Energy Management/Small Engines

Static Entries (Barn 4)



All Market Beef

Market Steers, Catch-a-Calves, 2nd Year Market Bucket Calves, Market Heifers



Registered and Commercial Heifers. All Registered heifers must have registration or transfer papers in the sole name(s) of the exhibitor and dated no later than **May 1** of current year. All unregistered heifers will show in the Commercial division and must be tagged by **May 1** of the current year.



Bucket calf tags are the only tags that may be purchased over the counter and will be available for pick up at tagging days or at the office at any time for \$2. Bucket calves do not need to attend a tagging. All bucket calves must be calved after January 1 and before May 31 of the current year. You will need a Cowley County 4-H Bucket calf tag (right ear) in the calf exhibiting at the Cowley County Fair before fair check in.



All Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats (Including all other male goats) Tagging/Weighing-Winfield Fairgrounds
Tags-\$4 (Cash or check)
April 27th 2-5PM or April 29 5:30-7PM



Horses (Horse Show and Jr. Rodeo), Dairy Female Goats/Female Dual Purpose Goats, Dairy Cattle
All Identification papers are due to the office by **May 1**

Beef Tagging
March 2, 2025
1:00PM-4:00PM
Winfield Livestock Auction
Tags-\$4 (Cash or check)

Highly suggest commercial heifers get tagged this day!



Breeding Bulls and Cow Calf Pair will not be required to tag



Poultry-Cowley County is scheduled for Pullorum-Typhoid testing in **2025**
-Leg bands can be purchased at the office
Leg bands are required before check in



Rabbit-All rabbits are to be legibly tattooed in the left ear for identification

Fair Entry

All approved members will receive their fair books in the mail around the 2nd week in JUNE.
PLEASE take the time to read the letter and tips carefully!
You must follow the link provided and successfully complete entries by the first Wednesday in JULY.
You will receive a confirmation email directly after submission.



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Cowley County Fair
July 31-August 5, 2025

Visit our website @ Cowley.k-state.edu

Here you can find all ID Forms, helpful guides, last years fair book with more information and guidelines as well as view our tagging policy for at home taggings

2025 Cowley Co Fair Theme



COWLEY COUNTY FAIR

**WELCOME TO THE
JUNGLE**

JULY 31-AUGUST 5, 2025

4-H Events

Host Families Needed for International Delegates

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? States 4-H and Kansas 4-H has a great opportunity for families this summer to host a new international friend in your home this summer. [Read full announcement.](#)

4-H Camp

Rock Springs Ranch celebrate the 80th year of being known as the state 4-H center, reflection on the rich history of leadership development and community engagement can be read [here](#).

4-H Camp Opportunities

Every year, thousands of kids come to 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. They unplug, explore, play and learn the kinds of lessons that can last a lifetime. Campers grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. Many make friends for life. It's also just plain FUN!

The values of 4-H are at the core of Rock Springs Ranch and they guide all of our programming. We believe the lessons learned here can create a foundation for success that will last far beyond their visit. But you don't have to be a 4-H member to come to camp at Rock Springs! Everyone is welcome, regardless of 4-H membership!

Visit [Rock Springs Ranch](#) if you'd like to learn more about sessions, dates, rates and the 4-H Camp experience!

Cool Careers 4-H Video Production Contest

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at video production? Kansas 4-H and HirePaths are introducing a [Cool Careers 4-H Video Production Contest](#), so here's your chance to become director, cinematographer, editor and/or producer of your own video! This competition allows members to learn about a career and then produce a video to create their own episode of the series [Cool Careers](#). For more information, read through the Contest Guidelines below. Get started by deciding if you want to compete as an individual or team, then decide what project and profession you would like to highlight. The most important aspect of this contest is to learn new skills and have fun while doing it!

Insect Spectacular T-Shirt Design Contest

Contest runs from February 1- March 3, 2025

Theme: Scarab Beetles

Design: Must fit on a 8.5 X 11 paper/ Maximum of 3 colors (plus shirt color choice)/ Must include "Insect Spectacular 2025"

Description: You are creating the design for the graphic that will be on the t-shirts for participants at the 2025 Insect Spectacular. This is the State 4-H Entomology Workshop held each summer. You can use graphics of true scarab beetles or create your own artful images. No copyrighted clip art, photos or graphics may be used.

Prize: \$20 Sonic gift card

Leadership: This would be a great addition to your 4-H Record Book, especially for the Visual Arts, Entomology and Leadership Projects.

Info Required: On the back of your entry, please include: 4-Hers name, 4-H age, County/District, mailing address, phone number, email and 2nd choice of t-shirt color

Questions? Please contact Vicky Wallace at vicll.wallace55@gmail.com or 620-804—9170

Winning design will be selected by the State 4-H Entomology committee. Anyone submitting a design for competition may not vote on the design selection.

Shooting Sports

Club Meeting - **Monday, Feb. 24th**, 7:00 p.m., New Hope Fellowship Church, 1995 61st Rd., Winfield - All project members welcome!!

Air Discipline (BB, Air Pistol, Air Rifle) **1st Sunday, Feb. 2nd** at 2:00 at the fairgrounds.

Archery practices, **Feb. 6 & 20th**; bi-weekly at 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds, building #1.

Shotgun practice*, **3rd Sunday, Feb. 16th** 2:00 at the meadow - weather allowing.

***Must email for a relay time for member to be on the practice line.**



**Watch for Spring Flower orders to begin Feb. 1st with delivery on Friday, April 25th.

Find a shooting sports project member to place an order or email at cowley4hshootingsports@gmail.com.

Member order sheets due back, Thursday, March 6th this year!! Yes, it will get warm again real soon! Be ready with your spring planting flowers!!



Austin Waite

Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator

620-222-1982

P.O. Box 422

Winfield, KS 67156

www.4hshootingsportscowleyks.com

<https://www.facebook.com/cowleycounty4hshootingsports>

Cowley County 4-H Enrollment

✿ [4-H Online Enrollment Link](#)

✿ [Cowley County KSRE Website with 4-H Enrollment Information](#)

The 4-H year runs Oct. 1st. to Sept 30. **ALL YOUTH and ADULT VOLUNTEERS** participating in the 2024-2025 4-H year should enroll.

In order to be a regular member of Cowley County 4-H, the member must be 7 years old before January 1, 2025.

[Cloverbuds](#) is for children ages 5-6 before January 1, 2025.

[Project Selection Guide](#) (includes descriptions of all projects)

[2024/2025 Kansas 4-H Projects](#)

[Setting 4-H Project Goals](#)

[4-H Project Record Books](#)

[ZBooks](#) (online record keeping option)

Click [here](#) to sign up for a County Committee

[Horse Project Publications](#)

DID YOU KNOW??

The [Kansas Clover Classroom](#) is packed with helpful project information

4-H Scholarships

Scholarship Opportunities

Please visit the Kansas 4-H Resource [page](#) for Scholarship Opportunities. Kansas 4-H Scholarship, Kansas 4-H Dog Scholarship, Kansas 4-H Geology Scholarship, and Vanier Scholarship!

Get Financial Help Attending Events

The Cowley County 4-H Development Fund is our local 4-H foundation created in 1995 to assist Cowley County 4-H'ers take part in educational events and activities. Funding is provided by gifts from supporters. Each year, the 4-H Development Fund awards college scholarships to high school seniors and college freshmen. Beginning in 2015, the Development Fund introduced "Leadership Development Grants". Leadership Development Grants are available by application to local 4-H members who are registered for a state or national leadership event such as Discovery Days, National 4-H Congress, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship Washington Focus and more. Applications are available from the Cowley County Extension Office. Applicants must submit an essay, write a thank you note to a Development Fund donor and present a program about their experience to a 4-H club or county-wide group following attendance at the event. For more information, contact Sarah at slag11@ksu.edu or 620-221-5450.

Scholarship Opportunities

The Bill House Hereford Scholarship is specifically for those pursuing a career in agriculture.

Another scholarship with the same name exists through the Legacy Foundation in Arkansas City. These are two different scholarship opportunities.

Information about this scholarship and others offered by the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas can be found at SoutheastKansas.org.



The basic application process:

1. Visit SoutheastKansas.org/scholarship-app. This will open our online scholarship portal on GrantInterface.com.
2. Register for a new account if you haven't already. Otherwise, sign in. You will only create a new account once.
3. Click the "Apply" button in the top-right corner to begin your application. You will complete and submit a general application.
4. Based on the information you provide in the general application; you will receive a confirmation message identifying which specific scholarships you are eligible for. It will also ask you any supplemental questions required by those scholarships.
5. Complete the specific scholarship requirements.
6. Submit your scholarship applications **by March 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. CDT.**

<https://southeastkansas.org/news/blog/kansas-scholarship-tips/>

For more information, please contact:

Sherrí Stephens

Program Coordinator

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Pittsburg, KS 66762

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<http://www.southeastkansas.org>

*Not to be confused with the Catch-A-Calf program. Two different programs.

Annual Calendar

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ANNUAL CALENDAR COWLEY COUNTY 4-H

All dates are subject to change.

**Requests to be on the agenda for 4-H Council and/or Junior Leaders must be submitted in writing at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting. 4-H Council and Junior Leaders meet the third Monday of the odd months unless otherwise noted.

OCTOBER

- October 1- New 4-H Year begins
- National 4-H Week (first full week in October)
- Volunteer Screening renewal
- 1st week in October- Kansas 4-H Project Records are judged
- Registration for KYLF/KVF Forum due October 24
- Officer Training
- State Dog Conference
- Agents attend Annual Conference in Manhattan (3rd week of October)
- 4-H Council Budget Committee meeting to prepare budget
- Project Leader recruitment
- House Appreciation Banquet; 3rd Saturday

NOVEMBER

- Club Organizational Reports due November 1
- Club Financial Review Reports due November 1
- Volunteer Screening Renewal due November 30
- Achievement Night- second Saturday
- Sign up for county-wide committees
- 4-H Council Budget Committee presentation to 4-H Council
- Officer Installation- 4-H Council
- Officer Installation- Jr. Leaders
- Extension Council Elections
- Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
- Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum
- Project Leader Recruitment
- Enrollment due online by November 30th

DECEMBER

- Livestock dates published
- Club Day information published
- State 4-H Scholarship Information published
- Begin goal setting for projects
- Citizenship In Action information published
- Club Day planning (Talks, Demos, Musical presentation, Talent, Model Meeting, etc.)
- Extension Council Annual Meeting, Extension Council Executive Board is elected

JANUARY

- 4-H Day committee meets (beginning of the month)
- Area Project Records screening 3rd week of January
- 4-H Day entries due (3rd week of January)
- Horse Panorama, KSU Salina Campus
- Planning for spring livestock shows
- 4-H Day information published- schedule if possible
- Discovery Days info (if available)
- Livestock ownership requirements published

FEBRUARY

- Citizenship In Action Registration due February 1
- 4-H Day
- 4-H Supporters Week
- Citizenship In Action (President's Day Weekend)
- State 4-H Scholarships due
- Beef Weigh-In info published
- Livestock ownership requirements published
- Discovery Days info published

MARCH

- Beef Weigh-In and tagging- first Sunday
- State Project Records Screening
- PDC Meeting
- Camp information published
- Small livestock tagging/weigh-in dates published
- Discovery Days info published

APRIL

- Cowley County Classic Beef Show
- Tag/Weigh-In Goats and Sheep; Tag Swine and Bucket Calves (April 27 & 29, 2025)
- Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show
- National Volunteer Week

Annual Calendar continued

MAY

- Beef nominations due for Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS)- May 1st
- Horse ID Forms (EVERYONE is required to use the newly updated/2024 form) due- May 1st, horses must be ID'ed to be eligible to show at the fair
- Discovery Days Orientation

JUNE

- Discovery Days (first week of June)
- Emerald Circle Banquet for state award/ scholarship winners
- Southeast Area Livestock Judging
- Southeast Area FACS Judging
- Southeast Area Favorite Foods Show
- Southeast Area Horticulture Judging
- 4-H Camp (dates vary)
- Campference
- Sheep, Swine and Goat nominations due for State Fair and KJLS- June 15th
- Ownership deadline for breeding livestock and Dairy
- 4-H PDC Meeting
- Poultry pullorum-typhoid testing for fair

JULY

- Fair Pre-Entries Due; 1st Wednesday
- Last day to add or drop projects- July 2, 4-H/FFA members must be enrolled by this date to be eligible to show at the Cowley County Fair
- Fair pre-entries due 2 weeks before Fashion Revue
- Fashion Revue, Tuesday before fair
- Foodstand clean up
- Horse Show, Saturday before fair
- Dog Show
- Fair set-up
- State Fair Livestock entries due- July 15th
- Cowley County FAIR

AUGUST

- Cowley County Fair (2025, July 31-August 4)
- State Fair non-livestock entries due (Friday after Cowley County Fair)
- KJLS entries due (August 1)

- State Livestock Sweepstakes (last weekend)
- Kansas All Breeds Dairy Show
- National 4-H Week Committee meets
- Awards Committee meets to plan project record book screening

SEPTEMBER

- National 4-H Week information in the 4-H Flash
- Project Records, Pin Applications, County Scholarships due Wednesday after the Kansas State Fair
- Club Seal Reports due
- County Fair Suggestions due
- Kansas State Fair- non-livestock exhibits due in the Extension Office Thursday before the State Fair.
- 4-H Clubs work the Foodstand at the Walnut Valley Festival, 3rd weekend
- 4-H Council Officer Elections
- Junior Leaders Officer Elections
- PDC Meeting to discuss fair changes
- Welcome incoming families to 4-H
- Catch-A-Calf Applications due



Misc.

National VOLUNTEER Week *April 20 - 26, 2025*

It's a great time to recognize and show appreciation to your club leaders, project leaders, fair superintendents, and other 4-H volunteers.

ALL
HORSE ID's
must be done
with the
updated in
2024 form.



Updated Publications for
the 4-H Horse Project

I pledge my **H**💡**AD** to clearer thinking,
my **HE**♥**RT** to greater loyalty,
my **H**🖐️**NDS** to larger service,
and my **HE**🍏**LTH** to better living,
for my club, my community, my country
and my world. 🍀

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4-H Club Corner

4-H Greet Sheet

New Family Guide

A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry

Club Officer Resources

The 4-H Parents Committee

Just click on the link to see helpful resources. The 4-H Club Corner has many more resources available on their webpage. **4-H Club Corner**

Kansas Clover Classroom

Get to Know Your Camera

Geology Challenge; Collecting Rocks, Minerals, and Fossils

Communications Challenge; Dynamic Displays

Many more resources available on the Clover Classroom page.



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OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:
-PHOTOGRAPHING 4-H EVENTS
-MARKETING
-WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

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JOIN NOW

For 4-H youth and adult leaders that are interested in photography and media marketing.

Are you a 4-H youth member or adult volunteer that is interested in photography and media marketing? This is an opportunity for you! Click the link below to sign up!
<https://forms.gle/F81DWCSCGMk3kkpx9>

Opportunities to Support Cowley Co. KSRE & 4-H

Friends of Extension

As someone who contributes time, talent and/or treasure to the benefit of Cowley County Extension, you are invited to be part of the Friends of Cowley County Extension organization. The group will alternate between morning and evening meetings to plan fundraising and advocacy events to support K-State Research and Extension Cowley County. The annual meeting will be Thursday, February 6, 6:45 p.m. immediately following the Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board Meeting. We will meet in the Cowley County Courthouse Extension Assembly Room, 311 E. 9th Ave. Winfield.

*Did you know? Tax deductible contributions can be made to the 4-H Development Fund (c/o PO Box 538, Winfield KS 67156) or to the Friends of Cowley County Extension Endowment (c/o Legacy Regional Community Foundation, 1216 Main Street, Winfield KS 67156)



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Walk Kansas 2025

Walk Kansas

Walk Kansas will be March 30 through May 24. Teams of six people log minutes during the eight weeks to virtually walk paths in Kansas. Registration (available after March 1) is \$10.00 per person and will be online at www.walkkansas.org. Youth under 18 are free.

The first step is to join a team, select a challenge, and register. The captain of your team should initiate this process and register your team online. (The captain will need your email address.) When you receive the email invitation to join Walk Kansas as a member of a specific team, follow instructions for registration. If you don't have a team to join right now, register online and choose the "individual" option when it asks you to select a team registration or individual registration. You will be placed on a team that could use an additional member.

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