

K-State Research & Extension

# Greenwood County 4-H News

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## December

- 11-14** Kansas Beef Expo - Hutchinson, KS – For more information go to [www.kansasbeefexpo.com](http://www.kansasbeefexpo.com)
- 13** Entomology Project Meeting - Iola, KS
- 13** Junk in a Bucket entries open - SignUpGenius
- 22** Cookie & Card Decorating - contact Jamie L.
- 24-31** Extension Office Closed - Christmas Break

## January

- 1** Extension Office Closed - New Year's Day
- 2** **Enrollment due to the Extension office by 4:30pm for returning 4-H members**
- 12** Regional Record Books due by 4:30pm to Ext. Office
- 14** Junk in a Bucket entries close - SignUpGenius
- 16** SEA 4-H Record Book Judging in Fredonia, KS
- 19** 4-H Council Meeting
- 30** Club Leaders check email for County 4-H Club Day Group presentations sign up (Due Friday, February 6th by 4:30 pm)

## February

- 6** Fair Design Ideas due to Extension Office
- 7** County 4-H Day registration opens on SignUpGenius (entries due February 14 by 11:59 pm)
- 15-16** 4-H Citizenship in Action (CIA)
- 21** County Club Day @ Hamilton School
- 21-22** Horse Panorama – Rock Springs 4-H Camp



## Dates for 2026 are Set!



Although it may be months away, many dates have already been set on many 4-H Events and Activities for 2026. Mark them on your calendars now so your members doesn't miss out on all the fun!

- ⇒ SEA 4-H Record Book Judging – January 16
- ⇒ CIA – February 15-16
- ⇒ GW County 4-H Club Day & Favorite Foods Show – February 21
- ⇒ Regional 4-H Club Day – March 28
- ⇒ Discovery Days – June 3-5
- ⇒ Greenwood County Fair – July 24 - 27

## SEA 4-H Record Book Judging

The SEA 4-H Record Book judging will be held on Friday, January 16th from 9am to 3pm in Fredonia. Eligible project record winners need to resubmit their books to the Extension office by 4:30pm on Monday, January 12th if they wish to compete. If you are interested in helping judge this year, please call or email the Extension office.

## 2026 Greenwood County Fair Design

The 123rd Greenwood County Fair is **July 24-27, 2026!** Each 4-H club is encouraged by the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation to be creative and submit a design for the fair. Last year's design appeared on fair t-shirts, the fair book, and newspaper advertisements. Entries are due in the Extension by Friday, February 6th. Below is a list of requirements to fit our graphic needs:

2026 Fair Theme is **"Prairie Nights and Fair Lights"**

- **Black and White Only**
- **Digital Design (no hand drawn ideas)**
- **Size should be 8 inches x 8 inches**

## "Junk in a Bucket"

On page 4 of the newsletter is a flyer describing the 4-H class for the county fair called "Junk in a Bucket." **There are new changes to the sign up slots this year, read page 4!** Entries for this class open Saturday, December 13th at 8:00 AM. All entries will be made through SignUpGenius this year. The link will be emailed out on Saturday, December 13th.

**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!**

## Citizenship in Action (CIA)

Citizenship in Action (CIA) will be on February 15th and 16th. Registration should open in early January and will be due early February. More information will be available soon. Each 4-H member attending will receive a \$70 registration sponsorship from the 4-H Council.

## Scholarships

### Kansas 4-H Scholarship:

The online applications for the 2025-26 Kansas 4-H Scholarship are available and due **January 5th**. Please review all of the documentation thoroughly. The information you will need for this scholarship are available on the following link:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

### Judy Wiggins Scholarship:

The Judy Wiggins Memorial scholarship application will be due by April 1st. Copies of the application are available by request from the Extension Office.

## Shooting Sports Safety Meeting



The Greenwood County Shooting Sports program is growing. For those new to the program, it is **"REQUIRED"** that the 4-H'er attend a shooting sports safety meeting each year to participate. We will be finalizing the date and details soon. We will host this meeting in the early winter months as archery will begin late winter/early spring. We will be hosting a 30-45 minute meeting for shotgun and archery separately but in the same day. These meetings will be a little more in depth, i.e., learning gun and bow maintenance protocols and reasons for malfunction. Make sure your child is enrolled in shotgun and/or archery to receive communications. Watch your email for details. Contact S/S Coordinator Annissa Boulanger with questions; [fivebtribe@gmail.com](mailto:fivebtribe@gmail.com) or 620-583-4100.

## Horse Panorama

Horse Panorama will be at the Rock Springs 4-H Ranch February 21-22, 2026. Registration will be available soon. Check the [Panorama webpage](#) as it is updated with schedules, contest rules, and registration information.



## Registration Papers Reminder!

Registration papers are required for heifers and purebred swine that are registered.

- ⇒ Registration papers for heifers are due to the office by the Spring Animal Weigh-In date.
- ⇒ Registration papers for purebred swine are due by Weigh-In at the Fair.

## Entomology Project Meeting

Our Entomology group had a great time at Family Day in November! Now it is time to get started on those insect collections, notebooks and educational displays for the new 4-H year. Our next project meeting will be Saturday, December 13th beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Allen County Extension Office. We will be learning about insect anatomy. We will be pinning insect specimens. Please bring your pinning boards, pins and 3 or insect specimens to pin. Don't forget to put your insect specimens in your relaxing chambers for 12 to 24 hours before the meeting. If you are new and need a pinning set up, I will have some available for \$15. I will also have some extra insects available for pinning in case you do not have any in the freezer. I would like each 4-Her to bring a short project talk on another project you are enrolled in for the new 4-H year. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170 or email at [vicky.wallace55@gmail.com](mailto:vicky.wallace55@gmail.com)

## K-State Junior Producer Days

### K-State Junior Beef Producer Day:

**Date:** Saturday, March 7st

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, February 13th

**Cost:** \$20/person by February 13th (\$30/person after February 13th)

- \* Registration must be RECEIVED by February 13th to receive a t-shirt
- \* Both youth & adults attending need to register

**Online Registration:** <https://bit.ly/BeefJrProducer>

### K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day:

**Date:** Saturday, April 11th

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, March 20th

**Cost:** \$20/person by March 20th (\$30/person after March 20th)

- \* Registration must be RECEIVED by March 20th to receive a t-shirt
- \* Both youth & adults attending need to register

**Online Registration:** <https://bit.ly/SheepJrProducer>

\*\*\*\*\*An instructor-led YQCA certification class will also be offered at the end of the day for each program. You will need indicate if you plan to stay for this optional class during the registration process. More details on registering for the appropriate course through the YQCA website will be sent only to those who plan to stay and attend. You will need to complete an extra step to register through the YQCA platform and pay the additional \$3.00/child fee.

## County Club Day – February 21th

4-H Day is just ahead, Saturday, February 21st, and it's time to be thinking about your projects. 4-H Day will be held at Hamilton Elementary school. Guidelines are included in this newsletter relating to times, ages, etc. Our county club day follows the guidelines for regional with the exception of adding a younger gavel games division. Cloverbuds may participate in Show & Share and club skits. [County Guidelines link](#) & [Regional Guidelines link](#)

- ⇒ **Gavel Games:** Basic (7-9), Junior (7-13), and Senior (14 and up). A team may use a younger member to complete their team, but not one from an older age group. Basic is designed to be an introduction to Gavel Games with only 3 problems and no written test. An alternate (5th member) may be used at county, but not at regional competition.
- ⇒ **Show and Share:** For Cloverbuds and 1st and 2nd year members doing their first talk at 4-H Day. We ask that Cloverbuds enter just as other 4-H'ers will. It is an encouraging experience and will not be judged. The 4-H'er will talk with the judge after their presentation.
- ⇒ **Demonstrations:** Tell or show how to do something. They demonstrate a process and show a finished product.
- ⇒ **Project Talks:** Tell about the 4-H'ers project, or some aspect of it.
- ⇒ **Public Speaking:** Is an informative presentation on a current affair or public policy topic. An outline is presented to the judge.
- ⇒ **Video Presentation-on a Flash Drive or CD:** Allows a 4-H'er to include information and visuals not possible to bring to 4-H Day. It is also a possibility for having an entry when a 4-H'er can not attend 4-H Day. Not eligible for regional competition.
- ⇒ **Music:** Present an original set of music with measures numbered. Be sure to put your name on it. Copyright laws prohibit photocopying of music. Pre-recorded accompaniment may be used, but any variations should be noted on the written music.
- ⇒ **Talent:** Includes skits, novelty, juggling, puppets, magic, reading, etc.
- ⇒ **Dance:** Includes square dance and other dance routines choreographed to music.
- ⇒ **Model Meetings:** Join your whole club as they demonstrate their parliamentary procedure skills together as you host a mock meeting. Tips from judges will help your club improve!
- ⇒ **Job Interviews:** Practice and show your public speaking skills via mock interview or a youth volunteer coor-

## County Club Day – February 21st (cont.)

- ⇒ **Favorite Foods:** Favorite Foods will be included and registration will be part of the SignUpGenius links that go out in member emails.

**Registration:** An email will be shared with everyone on February 7th to begin signing up for individual presentations, check your email! Register on SignUpGenius by 11:59 pm on February 14th.

We hope you will participate in and enjoy 4-H Day. The ultimate objective is that 4-H'ers feel good about who they are and what they have done. It's always encouraging to see the talent and skills of our members. As you watch other 4-H'ers, remember to compliment them on their performances. The judges will determine the top numbers that day in each division. These will be eligible to represent Greenwood County at Regional 4-H Day on Saturday, March 28th.

### 4-H Day with Women's Basketball

Save the date! The annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" game will take place on Sunday, March 1st, as the Wildcats take on the Cyclones of Iowa State with a 1pm tip off. More information will be shared soon!



### 4-H Council Corner

These items were discussed and voted on during the 4-H council meeting on Monday, November 17th.

1. Elections were held, officers are:
  - ◇ President: Sydney Lindamood
  - ◇ Vice President: Hannah Perrier
  - ◇ Secretary: Addison Westerman
  - ◇ Treasurer: Lyllly Stapleford
  - ◇ Reporter: Jersey Cox
  - ◇ Parliamentarian: Eli Mason
2. County Club Day will be Saturday, February 21st, at Hamilton School.
3. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 19th at 7pm at the Courthouse.

### Cookie & Card Decorating

Fancy Mustangs 4-H Club will be hosting Cookie & Card Decorating again this year on December 22nd! Any Greenwood County 4-H members are welcome to participate. If you are interested in joining contact Jamie Lindamood at 316-214-3126 or [beefjamie@gmail.com](mailto:beefjamie@gmail.com).

# “JUNK IN A BUCKET”

“Junk In A Bucket” is a project that is being sponsored by the Madison Pacesetters 4-H Club. They are using this project as their Club Project. The purpose of the project is for the club’s Leadership Team to learn how to develop a project and follow through every step in order to make an exhibit at the Greenwood County Fair in a special designated class.

“Junk In A Bucket” will be offered again as a class at the 2026 Greenwood County Fair. The project will begin with a special enrollment through SignUpGenius that will open December 13th at 8:00 AM and be due by January 14, 2026. Drawings for the buckets will be held at County 4-H Club Day on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Each participant will draw for a random numbered bucket on that day. You do not have to be present in order to participate, but you do need to arrange to pick up your bucket at another time.

**New this year (2025/26):** There will be 15 buckets/sign-up slots for Juniors, 15 buckets/sign-up slots for Intermediates, and 10 buckets/sign-up slots for Seniors. An email will be sent out prior to December 13th containing additional information for sign-ups. Sign-up links will be emailed out at 8:00 AM on December 13th.

## Ground Rules for Junk In A Bucket:

1. Pre-entry is required and will open December 13th at 8:00 AM. Registration will be open via SignUpGenius. A link to sign up will be emailed out to all 4-H members. If you have any issues signing up, please contact the Extension office.
2. Random drawings for the buckets will be on Saturday, February 21st, at County 4-H Club Day.
3. Photos of each bucket will be taken. NO extra materials may be used in the creation of the project.
4. Any of the items in the bucket MAY be cut or reconfigured, but NO items may be added.
5. Items in the bucket may be welded. Baling wire may be used to connect items, but may be used ONLY to connect pieces. No extra wire is allowed. Zip Ties may also be used to connect items in the bucket.
6. In creating the project, all items in the bucket DO NOT have to be used.
7. Projects may be painted, but it is not required.
8. ALL buckets and items not used must be returned along with the exhibit to the Greenwood County Fair in July. All “Junk In A Bucket” projects will be exhibited in a special class at the fair.





# LEADERS' NOTES

- ⇒ Cookie & Card Decorating: Fancy Mustangs 4-H Club will be hosting Cookie & Card Decorating again this year on December 22nd! Any Greenwood County 4-H members are welcome to participate. If you are interested in joining contact Jamie Lindamood at 316-214-3126 or beefjamie@gmail.com.
- ⇒ SE Area Record Book Screening: We need volunteers to assist with screening in Fredonia on Friday, January 16th beginning at 9am. Must have some previous experience with Record Books. If interested contact the Extension office.
- ⇒ 2025-26 Kansas 4-H Scholarship: For the 2025-26 Kansas 4-H Scholarship process, the online applications are available and due by January 5th. This an earlier deadline than previous years.
- ⇒ Judy Wiggins Scholarship: Applications are available at the Extension office and will be due to the Extension Office by April 1st.
- ⇒ 4-H County Club Day: County Club day will be Saturday, February 21st. Encourage members to make plans now! Entries will be made via SignUpGenius. Club leaders will receive an email with the sign up link on January 30th for the group events at club days (model meeting, gavel games, and skits). Due date to sign up for group events will be February 6th by 4:30pm. **THIS LINK IS FOR CLUB LEADERS ONLY!** Another email containing links to sign up for individual presentations (show and share, demos, project talks, public speaking, video presentations, music, talent, dance, and job interviews) will be sent out February 7th to all 4-H members. Registration will close February 14th at 11:59 pm. This email will include the schedule for group events (model meeting, gavel games, and skits) that leaders signed up for, so members do not double schedule their activities.



# 2026

# K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY

## Program

Join us on March 7, 2026, for the biennial K-State Junior Beef Producer Day! This event is a fun-filled educational day for youth, parents, beef project leaders, ag teachers, and extension agents to expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, students, and guest speakers will cover topics that may include selection, nutrition, daily care, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification class will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt will also be provided for those who register by the deadline. The registration fee is \$20 per person for those who sign up by February 13. The fee will increase to \$30 per person for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 13 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending the event must register, including youth and adults.

## Registration

Deadline: February 13

Fee: \$20/person

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/BeefJrProducer>

Late Registration: \$30/person (after February 13)

\*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.

\*\*Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.



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## Tentative Schedule

8:00AM	Check-in
9:00AM	Welcome
9:15AM	Project Selection
10:00AM	Morning Breakout Sessions -Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Care, Grooming & Fitting
Noon	Lunch
1:00PM	Afternoon Breakout Sessions -Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
3:15PM	Dismissal
3:30PM	Optional YQCA Class

Questions?  
**Lexie Hayes**

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Registration Due  
**February 13**



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# 2026 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day



*Date*

**4.11.2026**

**Manhattan, KS**



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*Registration*

**Due: 3.20.2026**

**Cost: \$20/person**

<https://bit.ly/SheepJrProducer>

*\*All adults & youth must register to attend.*

*\*\*Only those registered by 3/20/26 will receive a t-shirt.*

*\*\*\*Late registration is \$30/person.*



*Questions*

**Lexie Hayes**



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## Program

Join us for the biennial K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Presentations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be an educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. A variety of topics will be shared, including an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. All ages and skill levels are invited! Lunch and a t-shirt are included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by March 20 or \$30/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register. There will be an optional tour of the sheep and meat goat center offered on Friday evening and Saturday after jr. day.

## Tentative Schedule

### Friday, April 10

5:00-7:00PM Optional Tour of Sheep & Goat Center

### Saturday, April 11

8:00AM Check-in

9:00AM Welcome

9:15AM Selection

10:00AM Nutrition

10:45AM Morning Breakout Sessions

-facilities & equipment, reproduction, project management purchase to show

NOON Lunch

1:00PM Health

1:45PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions

-wool, showmanship, clipping & grooming

3:45PM Dismissal

4:00PM Optional YQCA Class

4:00-6:00PM Optional Sheep & Goat Center Tour



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