

GREENWOOD COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Kansas State University Extension - Greenwood County ~ Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

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February

- 6 Fair Design Ideas due to Extension Office
- 7 County 4-H Day registration opens (entries due February 14 by 11:59 pm)
- 15-16 4-H Citizenship in Action (CIA) - Topeka
- 16 Holiday - Extension Office Closed
- 21 County Club Day @ Hamilton School
- 21-22 Horse Panorama – Rock Springs 4-H Camp
- 27 Kansas Maid order forms due to office @ 4:30pm

March

- 1 4-H Day with Women's Basketball
- 7 Kansas Jr. Beef Producer Day, Manhattan, KS
- 16 4-H Council Meeting - Joint with Elk County
- 19 YQCA Training @ Courthouse, 6:30pm
- 20 Beef Weigh-In - Luthi's Ranch, 1-5 pm
- 21 Project Learning Day - Memorial Hall, 1-3 pm
- 28 Regional Club Day @ Madison High School

April

- 1 Judy Wiggins Scholarship applications due
- 1 Trophy Donor money and list of donors due to the Extension Office
- 11 KSU Jr. Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan, KS
- 13 YQCA Training @ Courthouse, 6:30pm
- 18 Small Animal Weigh-In
- 20 Last day to order Market Beef DNA Envelopes (State Nominations)
- 26 Flint Hills Classic

May

- 1 Market Beef Nominations post-mark deadline
- 1 4-H Online New Member enrollment deadline
- 1 4-H Online Project add/drop deadline



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 theme appeared on fair t-shirts, the fair paper, newspaper advertisements, and on the radio. Entries are due in the Extension office by 4:30 pm on 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

Horse Panorama

Horse Panorama will be at the Rock Springs 4-H Ranch on Saturday & Sunday, February 21-22. Contests include: Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, photography, design and more. Register ASAP. Check the Panorama webpage for schedules, contest rules, and registration information.

4-H County Club Day

This year's 4-H County Club Day is on Saturday, February 21st at Hamilton Elementary School. Guidelines were included in the December newsletter relating to how to make entries, times, ages, etc. Cloverbuds may participate in Show & Share and club skits. You can find more information and a helpful Club Day guideline document on our website [HERE](#).

Willow Valley Go-Getters will have coffee and water available as free will donation. Please support their club fundraiser.

4-H Regional Club Day

Regional Club Days is planned for Saturday, March 28th at the Madison High School. Save the date and start planning for events!

2026 4-H Exchange Host Families

Application are now open. More information is available [HERE](#).

Entomology Project Meeting

We are learning about what is in and on an insect head. Come join us on February 14th for the SE Kansas Entomology project meeting. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office meeting room. We will be pinning insect specimens again, so bring your pinning boards and supplies and 3 or 4 insects to pin. 4-Hers if you need to practice a talk or demonstration for Club Day on any project, we would be glad to listen to your presentation. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

Interested in creating a design for the 2026 Insect Spectacular T-shirts? Find a flyer with details at the end of the newsletter!

Record Book Workshop

It's never too early to start thinking about Record Books for the year! Join us on March 10th at 6:00 PM at the Courthouse (Commissioners Room) to learn about ZBooks, form-fillable files, and examples of what should be included in each section of the record book. Time will be set aside for a Q&A at the end.

Find a helpful document [HERE](#) to start planning your goals for the year.

SEA 4-H Record Book Judging Results

Record Books that were submitted for Regional Judging have been put in club boxes. We are very proud of the kids for all their hard work, and want to thank them for submitting their books!



Congratulations to Hannah Perrier and Brynn Roth! Hannah's Beef and Brynn's Food and Nutrition Project Records have been selected to go on to State Judging.

Judy Wiggins Scholarship

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

K-State Junior Producer Days

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day:

Date: Saturday, March 7st

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 13th

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

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*****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.

Project Learning Day

The 4-H Ambassadors are planning a Project Learning Day that will be on March 21st from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Memorial Hall. This is the perfect opportunity to learn about and explore some of our project areas! More information to come in early February!



Upcoming 2026 Dates

- GW County 4-H Club Day & Favorite Foods Show – February 21
- Record Book Workshop - March 10
- Beef Weigh-In - March 20
- Project Learning Day - March 21
- Regional 4-H Club Day – March 28
- Small Animal Weigh-In - April 18
- Flint Hills Classic - April 26
- Shooting Sports - Archery June 20, Shotgun - June 21, Banquet - June 21
- Greenwood County Fair – July 24 - 27

4-H Council Corner

The next Greenwood County 4-H Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 16th at 6:30pm at the GW Co. Courthouse. We will be having a joint meeting with Elk County. Items to be on the agenda:

- Fair Building Watch Day/Times
- Trash Duty Times

4-H Day with Women's Basketball

The annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" game will take place on Sunday, March 1 as the Wildcats take on Iowa State @ 1 pm. Register [HERE](#) sign up by February 8th.

Livestock Tagging

Beef weigh-in is on Friday, March 20th at Luthi's, 3673 Z Rd. Madison. Beef Tags are \$4.00

Market and breeding females will need to be tagged at spring weigh-in to be able to show at the Greenwood County Fair. If you have purebred animals that have registration papers they will not be required to be tagged, but you must turn in a copy of those registration papers to the Extension office by the spring weigh-in date. You may email them to Clinton(cilafin@ksu.edu). All market beef must be castrated or banded by spring weigh-in.

Small Animal Weigh-In

Weigh-in and tagging for swine, sheep, meat goats, and bucket calf is Saturday, April 18th. Tags are \$4 each.

Approximate weigh-in schedule:

- 8:00 AM - Swine
- 9:30 AM - Goats
- 10:00 AM - Sheep
- 10:30 AM - Bucket Calves

2026 Market Beef Nomination Information

Market Beef Nomination must be postmarked by May 1st. Please see nomination information at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu

All 2026 state livestock nomination information will be posted on the "Nomination Information" tab of the KSU Youth Livestock website.

Important: All animals that are nominated for the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and Kansas State Fair will be required to be tagged with the Kansas 4-H EID tags in 2026. DNA hair samples in official DNA envelopes are also required.

**Exhibitors must contact their local Extension Office to get their animals tagged and further details on state nomination.

Shooting Sports Safety Meeting

We are excited for another year of the Greenwood County Shooting Sports program. For those new to the program, it is "REQUIRED" that the 4-H'er attend a shooting sports safety meeting for 2 years to participate. All safety will be reviewed continually at individual practices. A minimum of 2 practices must also be attended to be eligible for the County Fair Shoots. The date for the safety meeting will be released in an upcoming 4-H Newsletter.

2026 4-H Archery Shoot will be on June 20th at 9:00 AM. The 4-H Shotgun Shoot will be on June 21st at 4:00 PM followed by the Shooting Sports Banquet at 7:00 PM.

Contact 4-H S/S Coordinator Annissa Boulanger with questions: fivebtribe@gmail.com or (620) 583-4100.

Follow Us on Social Media

If you don't already be sure to follow our social media accounts! We post important dates, upcoming events, programs and highlights of our events!

Facebook: K-State Research and Extension - Greenwood County

Instagram: gwextension

Kansas Maid Fundraiser



The Greenwood County 4-H Foundation appreciates the County 4-H members hard work in raising funds for continued improvements for future years. Forms will be distributed in 4-H club's boxes and are due to the Extension office no later than 4:30pm on Friday, February 27th. **Leaders, please turn in your club's orders together on one form and with one check from your club for the total amount due for all orders!** The top five salespersons will be awarded \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20 or \$10. Money from this fundraiser helps support the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation with everything they do to run the fair and make improvements to the fairgrounds. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office.



Flint Hills Classic

The Flint Hills Classic will be held on Sunday, April 26th. The 4-H Council voted to host a concession stand during the Flint Hills Classic Livestock show. All that is needed is the help of 4-H club members and some adult volunteers to operate the concession stand. 4-H Council has assembled the following schedule for clubs to come and help. Approximately two (2) adults and five (5) 4-Hers are needed for each shift. All proceeds from the concession stand will benefit the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation, and will be used to improve fairground facilities.

Concession Schedule:

6:30am – 8:15am	Fancy Mustangs
8:15am – 10:00am	Madison Pacesetters
10:00am – 11:45am	Harmony Sunflowers
11:45am – 1:30pm	Racing Wranglers
1:30pm – 3:30pm	Willow Valley Go-Getters

Livestock Judging, Meat Judging, Livestock Skill-a-thon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl Practice

The 2026 Contest Season is soon approaching and it is time to get started with preparations. Any 4-Her that is 4-H age 11 or older that is interested in Livestock Judging, Meat Judging, Livestock Skillathon, or Livestock Quiz Bowl is invited to join practices. Jeanna Beeman and Carla Davis will be coordinating the practices and contest attendance. Please contact Carla with the 4-Her's name, an email for parents, and phone number.

NOTE: Practices will be scheduled on average once a week and will be held at RanchLand Feed, LLC in Madison.

Per county rules anyone that would like to attend the Kansas State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan at KSU in August must attend our SE Area Contests. The dates for these contests have not been set yet, but we will share more information as soon as possible.

The first Meat Judging Contest is in April.

A parent meeting will be scheduled to share details and dates.

4-Her's age 11 is due to the fact that the materials and concepts we cover are very detailed.

If you have any questions, please contact Carla Davis at (620) 437-6315 or gregncarladavis@gmail.com.

Dog Project Update



The 4-H Dog Project in Greenwood County is a fun and educational activity for dog owners and their pets. It offers engaging activities such as Showmanship, Rally/Obedience, and more. Practices take place at the Greenwood County Fairgrounds and weekly classes will begin soon.

If you are interested in participating or learning more, contact Suellen Appellof at (907) 841-4713 or email her at suellen.appellof@gmail.com. She has 15 years experience training, competing, & showing her own dogs in AKC venues. She is also involved in local & national dog organizations.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to improve your dog's skills and have a great training and competition experience with the Greenwood County 4-H Dog Project!

YQCA Training



Mark Your Calendars!

March 19th & April 13th @ 6:30 pm
Greenwood County Courthouse

YQCA Training is required to show at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and the Kansas State Fair. This program must be completed each year. These trainings will be "in person" and require a \$3 sign up fee.

Other opportunities for In-Person YQCA Training:

- February 17 @ 6:30pm in El Dorado
- March 25 @ 6:30pm in El Dorado
- March 26 @ 6:30 pm in Howard
- April 23 @ 6:30pm in El Dorado
- TBD @ 6:30 pm in Sedan
- May 21 @ 6:30pm in El Dorado

****Sign-up by logging into your YQCA account @ yqcaprogram.org and selecting only one session.**



4-H CLUB DAY PRESENTATION TIPS

General Thoughts

- Don't read your talk. Don't memorize, but do practice so you are familiar with it.
- Look at the audience and judge. This is a must for keeping their attention.
- Talk loud enough so people in the back row can hear you.
- Don't talk too fast. Make sure everyone can understand everything you say.
- Dress appropriately. Be sure you are well groomed and neat. Dress to fit your presentation.
- Good posture increases self confidence.
- Stand on two feet. Try not to rock back and forth.
- Charts should be easy to read - not crowded or cluttered.
- Place your charts in a place everyone can read.
- Remember to smile, smile, smile! It takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown.
- Demonstrations and illustrated talks - ask for questions. Project talks - do not ask for questions.

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

- Cover table with paper, table cloth, etc.
- Organize all your ingredients on a tray so that you can quickly move them from the supply table to the work area.
- Pre-measure ingredients or supplies.
- Clear empty containers from the work space as you finish with them.
- Make sure the electrical equipment works properly. Bring all supplies needed and equipment.
- Have examples of every step of the process. If something needs to dry for 5 minutes, have one already dry.
- Have "fill" information. Silence is not a good thing during a demonstration. Provide additional information about your topic - nutritional value, costs, origin of products, history of the subject, etc.
- Food presentations: wear an apron, washable clothing and keep hair pulled back.
- Use trays to help organize your supplies.
- Use clear containers so the audience can see what you are doing.
- Use a damp cloth to wipe hands if doing foods demonstration or when using glue for crafts, etc.
- Cover name brands of products.
- Clear your work area before you show your finished product.

4-H CLUB DAY PRESENTATION TIPS CONT.

Posters/Charts

- Serve as a guide to you
- Add interest to the title, topic and ideas presented.
- Focus and hold audience attention.
- Emphasize key points.
- Show comparisons.
- Summarize main thoughts.
- Should be neat and attractive.
- Use upper and lower case letters.
- Use block letters. Avoid script or broken letters.
- Letters should be at least 2" in height in order to be read from 20' away.
- Should be easily read. Don't clutter or crowd with too many words/ideas. Use bullets or outline style.
- Limit the number of colors used. Easy to read colors include:
 - Black on white
 - Green on white
 - Blue on white
 - Yellow on black
- Hard to read colors include:
 - White on red
 - White on orange
 - Red on yellow
 - Green on red
- Use color for emphasis, but don't use it on everything.
- Beware that fluorescent colors can be hard on the eyes.
- Let color work for you, not against you.
- Include at least 3 categories - title poster, steps/supplies and a summary.
- Use heavyweight poster board.





Kansas 4-H Day *with* K-State Women's Basketball



**K-State Wildcats Vs.
Iowa State**
WILL BE TELEVISED



Step 1: Pick a Package:

\$28 Package Includes:

- Ticket
- \$10 Concession Voucher
- T-Shirt

\$18 Package Includes:

- Ticket
- \$10 Concession Voucher

Step 2: Register to get Tickets:

Use the QR Code or the link to register



<https://tinyurl.com/5x84fp33>



Pick up ticket packages on game day 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
Location TBA closer to event.



Doors open for the general public at 12:00 pm



Tip-off at 1:00 pm

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<https://www.apa.org/topics/resilience>

Online registration for this event will be due February 8, 2026. No paper registrations will be accepted.

Sunday, March 1, @ 1:00 PM

2026 T-Shirt Design Contest

Calling all creative 4-Hers! Try your hand at creating a design to go on the 2026 Insect Spectacular T-shirts.

Theme: Lepidoptera (Butterflies, Skippers and/or Moths) of Kansas

Contest Dates: Contest will run from February 01 to March 06, 2026.

Design must be submitted to Vicky Wallace by midnight March 06, 2026.

Mailing Address: 2447 40th Road, Humboldt, Kansas 66748

Email: vicky.wallace55@gmail.com

Design Size: Design must fit on an 8 ½" X 11" sheet of paper.

Colors: Maximum three colors plus one color for T-Shirt

Wording: Must include "Insect Spectacular 2026". You can include something that goes with the theme if you like.

Description: You are creating the design for the graphic that will be on the T-shirts for participants at the 2026 Insect Spectacular. This is the State 4-H Entomology Workshop held each summer. You can use graphics of true Lepidoptera or create your own artful images. No copy righted clip art, photos or graphics may be used. Remember to use only Lepidoptera found in Kansas.

Prize: Winner will receive a \$20 gift card to Sonic.

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

Information that must be on the back of your entry:

4-Hers Name, 4-H Age, County/District, Mailing address, Phone number, first and second choice of T-shirt color, Email (if you have one)

Questions: Contact Vicky Wallace at vicky.wallace55@gmail.com OR Phone: (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.

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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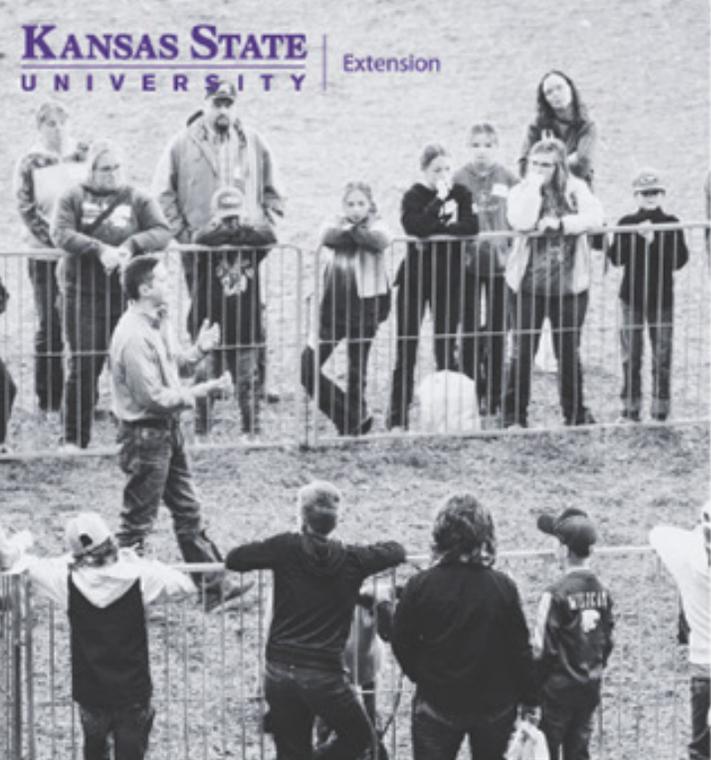
Registration Due
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K-State, County Extension Councils, Extension Districts, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating. All educational programs and materials available without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

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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

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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



4-H CLUB LEADERS NOTES

4-H County Club Day: County Club day will be Saturday, February 21st. Please direct members to the guidelines document found under the 4-H tab on the Extension office's website. Sign-ups for group events will be sent out to club leaders on January 30th. Sign-ups will go out to families on February 7th.

Favorite Foods Show is no longer an event at the Southeast Area Contest. Participants will be able to display their tables at the Greenwood County Fair if they wish.

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Social Media: If you have photos from club events or meetings that you would like shared on our Facebook page please email the photos and a caption to Alisha. We are happy to share flyers for club fundraising events too!

