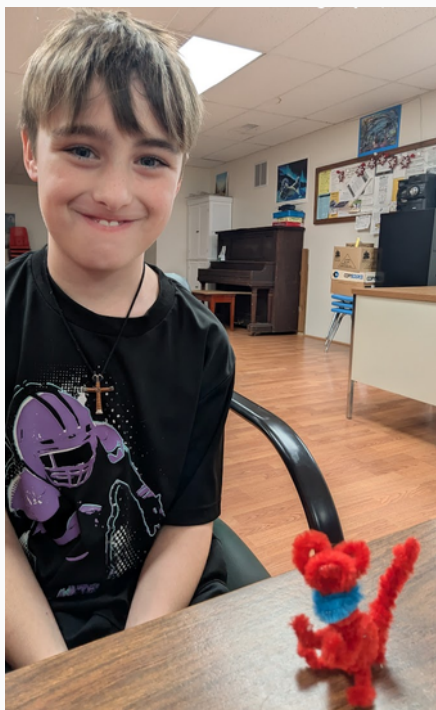


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4-H UPDATES

Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



Time to Get Busy!

Spring is upon us and already schedules are filling up fast! It's important to carve out time for each activity that your family is involved in. So make sure you are keeping up to date with everything 4-H. There are several ways to do so. We have an Office Facebook account where we post about big events, our website is full of dates and resources, and monthly newsletters like this with lots of detailed information, but the best way is to check your emails. Almost 100% of our information is sent out via email. So be sure you regularly check your email to get the most up-to-date information so you can put on your calendar and never miss a 4-H event!

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Program News and Updates



Read 4-H is Back!

And completely redesigned!



Program Year: December 2024-July 2025

Who: All 4-Her's

What: Read 4-H is a program where 4-H members read books, complete projects, and get rewarded! The Extension Office will announce a theme each year and 4-her's will read books and complete tasks to get a reward at the end of each program year. All books that participants read need to be related to the theme. To earn the reward participants must complete at least 6 out of 10 tasks from the Task List. The Task List is available at the Extension Office, along with other necessary paperwork.

Theme: Exploration

Rewards: Yearly rewards will include a trip, special event, or a physical prize related to each year's theme!



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Read 4-H is Back!

Read 4-H is back and better than ever! After a good first program year last year, we wanted to figure out a way to encourage even more kids to participate in the reading project. So Read 4-H underwent a complete redesign and now is more fun than ever!

How the redesign works is that a yearly theme will be established by the Extension Office. Participants can now decide what books they read, as long as they are related to the yearly theme. At the end of the year Read 4-H participants will receive a prize, attend a special event, or go on a fun trip! To be eligible to receive the yearly price, participants will need to complete 6 out of 10 tasks from the task sheet. Some of the tasks must be turned in monthly such as the book review forms. Please have the monthly review forms turned in by the last day of each month. You cannot wait until the end of the program and turn in the review forms for all books.

This year the theme will be exploration. So pick books about exploring and going on fun adventures. More information about this year's prize will be sent out this spring. So get to reading and if you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.



Program News and Updates



Sumner County Junior Leaders are Back!

The Sumner County Junior Leaders are back in action for the 2025 4-H year. To start off the year the group participated in a Winter Workshop. To kick off the workshop the group met in Caldwell to do some community service. After completing a fun demolition project, the Junior Leaders had the opportunity to visit an entrance to the Caldwell tunnel network underneath the building they worked in with 4-H PDC member Jill Keuhny. It was very fun to learn about Caldwell's history and see it with our own eyes!

After the community service project and tunnel exploration, the team returned to the Raymond Frye Complex for lunch and games!

Overall it was a fun day full of laughter and hard work. Be on the lookout for more Newsletter articles showing off the awesome work that the Junior Leaders are doing!

State Events



K-State Junior MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY

3.22.25

Event
Join us on Saturday, March 22, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center north of the K-State campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 26 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 26 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth, parents, and adults. Registration is limited to 400 participants. Filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration

- ① \$20/person by February 26
- ② \$25/person after February 26
- ③ Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- ④ All attendees must register, including youth, parents, & adults.
- ⑤ No refunds
- ⑥ Attendance is limited to the first 400 participants to register.

Registration
Lexie Hayes
adhayes@ksu.edu
785.532.1264

Register Online
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>
By **February 26**

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Junior Producer Days

The K-State Junior Producer Days Series is a set of workshops for Kansas youth focused on the four main livestock species. Two workshops are hosted every year for two different species. This year a Swine and a Goat Producer Day will be held in Manhattan. Swine Producer Day is on Saturday March 1st and Goat Producer Day is on March 22nd. Flyers for both events are attached on this page and have also been emailed out. You can also find the flyers on "Kansas State Youth Livestock Program" Facebook page. If you currently participate or would like to participate in either species, I would highly encourage you to attend. Each Producer Day has both large informational sessions and small hands on sessions.

2025 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 5 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the registration deadline, or \$25/person after that date. Registration is limited to 400 attendees on a first come, first served basis. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

March 1

Tentative Schedule

- 8:00AM Registration Opens
- 9:00AM Welcome
- 9:15AM Project Selection
- 10:00AM Breakout Sessions
 - Nutrition, Meats, Facilities & Equipment, Breeds & Ear Notching
- 12:00PM Lunch
- 12:45PM Health
- 1:30PM Breakout Sessions
 - Showmanship, Daily Care & Clipping, Show Day Prep, Resources
- 3:00PM Wrap-up
- 3:30PM YQCA Training (optional)

Registration

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"Limited Attendance"

Location
Stanley Stout Center

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No matter if you are a beginner or have done livestock for several years, this is a great state level learning opportunity for 4-Her's. Also if you plan to show at either the State Fair or KJLS you are an in-person certification class will be offered at both events.

Personally I have both attended and helped to host these events. They are phenomenal learning opportunities and become a highlight for many 4-Her's. So if you are on the fence about attending or have questions about the Producer Days, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office. If several families are attending there may even be the potential of carpooling if the need arises.

State Events



INSECT ART CONTEST
2025

By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas. This year, the theme is *"By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night."* The goal is to explore which insects are active or inactive at night and why, then create artwork that fits the contest theme.

AGE GROUPS	CATEGORIES	AWARDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kindergarten - 2nd Grade3rd Grade - 5th Grade6th Grade - 8th GradeHigh SchoolAdults	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Traditional Illustration (drawing or painting)Digital Artwork3-D Creation (painting on canvases, collage, sculpture, or other media)	Certificates and prizes will be awarded for each art category in each age group for 1st through 3rd place.

HOW TO ENTER

Submit your entry by April 15, 2025. See full rules and details by visiting <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm> or by scanning the QR code.

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2025 T-Shirt Design Contest

Calling all creative 4-Hers! Try your hand at creating a design to go on the 2025 Insect Spectacular T-shirts.

Theme: Scarab Beetles

Contest Dates: Contest will run from February 01 to March 03, 2025. Design must be submitted to Vicky Wallace by midnight March 03, 2025.
Mailing Address: 2447 40th Road, Humboldt, Kansas 66748 OR
Email: vicky.wallace55@gmail.com

Design Size: Design must fit on an 8 1/2" X 11" sheet of paper.

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

Wording: Must include "Insect Spectacular 2025". 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 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: 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.

Entomology Contests



There are currently 2 entomology contests being run for Kansas 4-H. The first is a t-shirt design contest for the 2025 Insect Spectacular. The contest will run from February 1st through March 3rd. The winner will receive a \$20 Sonic gift card and have their design used for the Insect Spectacular shirt. More information is on the flyer or you can reach out to the Extension Office.

The second contest is an Insect Art Contest sponsored by IPM and KSRE. All ages are welcome to compete by creating 2D, 3D, or digital artwork. Contest rules and entry forms can be found at <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm> or you can contact the Extension Office for more details.

You Ask, We Answer



“You Ask, We Answer” is a brand new addition to the monthly newsletter. We know that many people, both new and old to our program, have questions. This is the place where you can submit questions to the Office and we will answer them. All questions we put on this page will remain completely anonymous, but we figured that more than one person has the same question. So, help us help you by submitting questions for us to answer about the program.



“What do I have to do for 4-H Club Days”?

- 4-H Club Days is an event held in the spring geared towards demonstrations and public speaking. 4-Hers are encouraged to prepare a talk, demonstration, or instrumental number to be given publicly. Club Days is currently held at the Raymond Frye Complex and lasts from roughly 9:00am to 1:00pm. This year it will be held on Saturday February 22nd. Contact the Extension Office for more details.

“Do I have to do Project Report Forms”?

- The short answer is no, no one is required to fill out Project Report Forms, but they are highly encouraged. These forms are simple fill in the blank forms that help set goals for a project and also record how the year went for a project. They are judged locally and seniors can go onto to regional and state level judging. These forms might seem silly now, but really help as 4-Hers start applying for post secondary education, scholarships, and internships.

“Why do I need to enroll as a volunteer”?

- Just like youth members, we ask that all volunteers enroll through 4-H Online. But why? The most important reason is that we conduct a background check on all volunteers. We do this to make sure our youth are safe, their safety is our top priority. In no way are we assuming negative things about our volunteers, but we want to have the utmost confidence in them and the positive interactions they will have with our youth. Also it helps the Office know how many volunteers we have and who might be able to help with certain projects or events. So if you are not currently enrolled as a volunteer through 4-H Online please do so and if you have questions let the Office know.

Club News



Reporter's Corner

Club News from
Sumner County



Cardinals

The Cardinals 4-H Club have had a fun filled winter season. Prior to their January meeting, the club went to Cheney Lanes. A fun afternoon of bowling was had where older members and younger ones had fun interactions. The club also has resumed their project nights where they created pipe cleaner animals this month. Project nights are hosted on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00pm in Conway Springs and all Sumner County 4-Her's are welcome to attend. Please contact the Office to get more information.



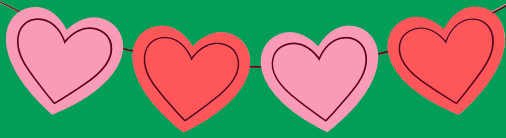
Happy Hustlers

Due to inclement weather, the Happy Hustler's did not host their regular monthly meeting.

Buccaneers

Redwing

Trailblazers



HAPPY
Valentines
DAY

4-H Council Meeting

FEBRUARY 24TH
@ 7:00 PM



Meeting Tips

INCORPORATING EXTRA EVENTS
SPRING IS THE TIME OF YEAR THAT
4-H EVENTS START TO RAMP UP.
JUST AROUND THE CORNER IS 4-H
CLUB DAYS, AND BEFORE WE KNOW
IT THE 4-H FAIR!

AS EVENTS ARE COMING UP ITS
IMPORTANT TO PREPAIR
ACCORDINGLY. ONE WAY TO DO THIS
IS CLUB DEMONSTRATIONS AND
TALKS.

IT IS BENEFICIAL TO PRACTICE YOUR
TALK OR DEMO BEFORE CLUB DAYS.
BUT IT IS ALSO HELPFUL FOR
OTHERS TO WITNESS WHAT ONE IS
SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE.

SO SOMETIMES WINTER/SPRING
MEETINGS CAN BE QUICK BECAUSE
THERE IS LITTLE BUSINESS, DON'T
FORGET TO ENCORPORATE EXTRA
TALKS AND DEMOS.

THESE LOOK GREAT ON PROJECT
REPORT FORMS. AND YOU CAN ALSO
PRACTICE AT A CLUB MEETING AND
THEN GO TO SCHOOL, OTHER CLUBS,
OR EVEN A NURSING HOME TO
PRACTICE AS WELL.

Looking Ahead

February

- 5th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00pm @ RFC
- 10th; 4-H Club Day Pre-entry Forms Due by 5pm
- 17th; Office Closed for Presidents Day
- 19th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00pm @ RFC
- 22nd; 4-H Club Days @ RFC
- 24th; 4-H Council @ 7:00pm @ RFC

March

- 1st; Junior Swine Producer Day @ Manhattan
- 5th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00pm @ RFC
- 19th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00pm @ RFC
- 22nd; Junior Goat Producer Day @ Manhattan
- 29th; Regional Club Days @ Medicine Lodge





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