

Highlights:

JULY 2025

-  July 1: FAIR ENTRIES CLOSE
-  July 3: Fair Superintendents Meeting
-  July 4: Office Closed- Independence Day
-  July 18: Fair Clothing Judging
-  July 20: Fair Horse Show, Fair Photography Judging
-  July 24-27: Shawnee County Fair
-  August 8: State Fair Entry Forms DUE

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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- **July 1: County Fair Entries CLOSE**
- July 3: Fair Superintendents Meeting
- July 4: Office Closed- Independence Day
- July 15: Fairboard Meeting
- **July 18: Fair Clothing Judging**
- **July 20: Fair Horse Show, Fair Photography Judging**
- **July 24-27: Shawnee County Fair**
- July 29: Chatterbox Submission Due
- **August 8: State Fair Entry Forms DUE**

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by July 29

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A Word From Your Agent...

2025 Shawnee County Fair: Barnyard Bash at the Shawnee County Fair!

With the county fair this month here are a few tips to help you have a great fair experience:

- Keep cool and have fun! Fair can be a stressful time for everyone.
- Try and remember the reason for exhibiting at the County Fair: to support the knowledge gained by youth in their project that year. No matter the color of the ribbon received we want to celebrate how much they have learned!
- Know when exhibit check-in and judging times are. Times and places do change from year to year so double check the fair book schedule! All of the exhibits this year will be in the Expo Center or Domer Arena.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions! If you have a question about an exhibit, ask your division superintendent or the Extension Staff. On Thursday and Friday there will be someone at the information table in Expo to help you.
- When in doubt, read your fair book. The county fair book is a great place to start when you need to know division rules or what materials you need to bring for your exhibit.

The County Fair is a great time to enter your State Fair exhibits! There will be forms at the info table in Expo. State Fair entries are due August 8th for everything except livestock and horse. Youth 9 and older can enter for the state fair and many of the exhibits can be transported by the Extension office. We take a minivan so we cannot take projects that are larger than a geology box.

Please make sure you or someone you know is picking up your fair entries on Sunday, July 28th at 5:30pm or immediately following the Fashion Revue. All exhibits need to be removed from the fair between the end of Fashion Revue and 6:30pm. If you pick up exhibits for another youth, please communicate with that family you are doing so before you leave the fair. No exhibits can be picked up before the conclusion of the Fashion Revue.

Once again this year we will be loading the fair semi-trailers after the fair on Sunday. Please plan to stay around the fair for a little while to help us put the fair away.

Thank you in advance to all the volunteers that help make the Shawnee County Fair possible. We look forward to seeing you July 19th for the Horse Show and July 25th-28th at the Shawnee County Fair!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 23rd!

We are going to be unloading the fair trailers and setting up the expo center and the barns from 12:00-4:00 pm on Wednesday the 23rd. This is a great way for 4-Hers to get community service hours for their record books, and it helps ensure that the building is ready for superintendents to come in at 4:00 to set up their project areas. Anyone is welcome to come for the afternoon, or to stop by for an hour and help!

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County Notes

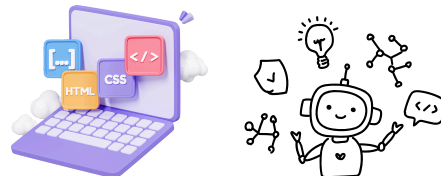
Coding & Robotics Meetings

Attention All Coding and Robotics Interest:

Hi, I'm Miles Burgess and for the last few years I have been doing coding and robotics and recently there has been not many people doing the project So, I am starting to host a coding class where you will learn coding from the basics being scratch (Basic coding website) to being able to code python (Coding Language) and develop software of your choosing. In this class we can also work on fair projects and other forms of coding. The dates for the class is as follows

Wednesday, July 2nd - 6:30 pm-8 pm

The coding class will be held in the upstairs meeting room at the extension office. Hope to see you there.



Horticulture Judging Contest Practices

Hello! I'm Lane Wiens, the Horticulture Extension Agent for the county and also the coach for the horticulture judging contest team. The last practice will be July 10th from 1:30-3:00 at the Extension Office. These practices are open to any 4-Her that would like to participate in the judging contest!

I'll see you then!



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Livestock Corner

July 15: Livestock Entries Due for State Fair Grand Drive
August 15: Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) Entries Due
August 23-24: Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
September 5-6: State Fair Grand Drive
October 3-5: Kansas Junior Livestock Show

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

Entry Deadline: August 1



Contest rules, tentative schedule, and more details about contests are posted on the K-State Youth Livestock Program website:

https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/livestock_sweepstakes/

Important Update to Livestock Rules for County Fair

Sheep, Swine & Meat Goat Limits Increased

The maximum number of entries for all three small animal livestock species has been increased! You can now bring 3 animals/phase of the project (breeding or market) with a maximum of 6 animals/species. So you could bring up to 3 market hogs & 3 gilts, 3 market lambs & 3 breeding ewes, and 3 market goats & 3 breeding does. All county fair animals must be tagged either at their species Weigh-In date or by the Friday immediately following if you are unable to make it to tagging & weigh-in. Animals tagged outside of weigh-in will not be eligible for the Rate of Gain contest at the fair.

Review of Livestock Sale Rules

The limit for the premium auction will still be 2 animals/4-Her. Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats, Poultry, & Meat Rabbits are all eligible. We will use the same structure as in the 2024 fair, with the option to sell you animal for premium only and take it home, or sell it for premium and floor & have a buyer send it to a locker. Youth from all species will be required to complete YQCA training, attend 2 of 3 educational sessions hosted by the Livestock Committee, and turn in livestock drug withdrawal & buyer forms in order to sell an animal through the premium auction.

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State News

Kansas 4-H Dog Conference Logo Design Contest

"Trails & Tails" is the theme of the 2025 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference scheduled for October 18 & 19 at Rock Springs Ranch. Think outdoors, hiking, and happy pups as you design a logo to be used for this year's conference. All Kansas 4-H dog project members are invited to participate in the logo design contest by emailing a drawing of your idea in JPEG format to Jill Martinson at martinso@ksu.edu by **July 15, 2025**. The winning design will be used by our graphic designers as a basis for the logo to be used on t-shirts, hoodies, and promotional materials. The winning designer will be awarded their choice of a t-shirt or hoodie featuring their "Trails & Tails" design.

Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo



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Kansas 4-H WHEAT EXPO

This event is open to all 4-H & FFA members, Family Members, 4-H Leaders, Vocational Education Staff and Extension Staff.

Thursday, August 7, 2025
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

- South Hutchinson Community Center
101 W. Avenue C, South Hutchinson, KS
- \$15/person registration payable at the door
- Includes lunch, tours, wheat judging, food contest, photography contest and judging contest!

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council



APPLY FOR THE KANSAS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL TODAY

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Youth Leadership Council

The Kansas 4-H Youth Council and National 4-H Conference Applications are open! Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2026, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2026, may apply for National 4-H Conference.

Learn more at <https://kansas4h.org/.../teen.../youth-leadership-council/>

The deadline will be October 1, 2025.

Kansas 4-H Names State Project Award Winners

Released: June 18, 2025

Annual awards announced during Emerald Circle celebration

K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The Kansas 4-H Youth Development program has recognized more than three dozen youth as state project award winners.

Sarah Maass, state leader for the Kansas 4-H program, said “being a state project winner indicates prior excellence and points to (youth’s) future potential.”

“Youth must display leadership skills and hearts for service by organizing events like community service projects, project meetings to share their expertise with younger 4-H members, and other unique efforts,” Maass said.

One state winner is selected yearly from the senior division (ages 14-18) in 45 project categories. Kansas 4-H youth submit a project report form, a summary of their work in a certain project.

Maass notes that in addition to learning new project skills, these youth must also demonstrate growth and strength in leadership, organization, civic engagement, and communication within the project.

This year’s project winners, in alphabetical order by Extension District are:

Butler County – Riley Garcia, Dairy.

Central Kansas District, Saline County– Eian Pracht, Uncrewed Aircraft System.

Central Kansas District, Saline County– Acacia Pracht, Visual Arts.

Central Kansas District, Saline County– Jaelyn Gates, Wildlife.

Central Kansas District, Ottawa County – Lillian Hulse, Communications.

Chisholm Trail District, Dickinson County– Josslyn DePew, Dog.

Chisholm Trail District, Dickinson County– Justin Latzke, Electrical and Renewable Energy.

Chisholm Trail District, Dickinson County– Eyler Holt, Meat Goat.

Chisholm Trail District, Dickinson County– Carleigh Abeldt, Sheep.

Coffey County – Morgan Vogts, Family Studies.

Coffey County – Alonna Rodgers, Vet Science.

Cowley County – Anthony Jelinek, Aerospace/Rocketry.

Harvey County – Jaeann James, Reading Adventures.

Johnson County – Ellie Bustamante, Computer Science.

Johnson County – George Delancy, Entomology.

Leavenworth County – Mackenzie Calovich, Horse.

Lyon County – Alycia Granado, Rabbits.

Marais des Cygnes District, Miami County– Max Bauer, Foods and Nutrition.

McPherson County – Stone Nichols, Woodworking.

Meadowlark District, Jefferson County– Karson Kahler, Agronomy.

Meadowlark District, Jefferson County– Abraham Noll, Poultry.

Meadowlark District, Jefferson County– Aurora Hoffman, Sewing and Textile Design.

Midway District, Ellsworth County– Josey Norris, Shooting Sports.

Phillips- Rooks District, Phillips County– Hannah Walker, Performing Arts.

Phillips-Rooks District, Phillips County– Savannah Bretton, Photography.

Post Rock District, Mitchell County– Norah Ellenz, Health and Wellness.

Pottawatomie County – Taylor Bryant, Forestry.

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River Valley District, Washington County– Adelyn Oakes, Shopping in Style.

Russell County, Midway District – Kierra Eck, Leadership.

Sedgwick County – Genevieve Crouch, Geology.

Shawnee County – Miles Burgess, Robotics.

Southwind District, Allen County– Kyser Nemecek, Self-Determined.

Sunflower District, Wallace County– Kasen Stramel, Swine.

Thomas County – Reagan Frantz, Horticulture and Landscape Design.

Wildcat District, Wilson County– Tatum Francis, Ag Mechanics Welding.

Wild West District, Haskell County– Clayton Kunselman, Civic Engagement.

Wild West District, Haskell County– Trelawney Horinek, Fiber Arts.

Wild West District, Stevens County– Cassidy Kirkham, Beef.

Award winners were recognized during the Emerald Circle celebration, which was hosted for the first time this year by the State 4-H Office with funding provided by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Officials say each state award winner's project report forms progress through county, regional and statewide evaluations before the state winner in each project area is named.

"We also know our 4-H members success does not come without the support of family, mentors, volunteers and Extension Agents who work with our 4-H Youth on the local level. The youth/adult partnership is evident at this level and we're grateful for the time our adults give to guide our 4-H youth." said Amy Collins, program coordinator with Kansas 4-H.

State 4-H project award winners are also eligible to attend the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, in November. Numerous donors provide support for project winner's trip to the National 4-H Congress, through the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

More information about opportunities available through the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program is available online.



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Club Chatter

Auburn

The Auburn 4-H club played yard games outside and enjoyed a pot luck taco bar for supper before our June meeting.

-Lilly Bayless



Rossville Rustlers



The Rossville Rustlers held their June meeting at Midwest Health Aquatic Center June 21. The members enjoyed the pool before conducting the meeting. Their next monthly meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be a cookout hosted by the Woods family.

Grove

On June 25, Grove 4-H went and helped the Bread Basket Food Pantry in Topeka to sort and distribute food to those in need. There were 351 people served at the event, which helped many people in need.

-Chance Nolte



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

July 2025

- 1 County Fair Entries CLOSE @ 5 PM
- 2 Robotics/Coding Project Meeting, EMR, 6:30 pm
- 3 Fair Superintendent's Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 7 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 10 Horticulture Judging Practice, EMR, 1 pm- 3 pm
Archery, Domer Arena, 6 pm
- 15 Geology, **TSCPL- Perkins Room 201**, 7 pm
Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm
Livestock Entries for State Fair Grand Drive Due
- 16 Livestock Committee Meeting, Downstairs
Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 18 Shawnee County Fair Clothing & Fashion Revue
Judging, Extension Office/Maner Conference Center,
9 am
- 20 Shawnee County Fair Horse Show
Shawnee County Fair Photography Judging, 1 pm-
4 pm

24-27 2025 SHAWNEE COUNTY FAIR

29 Chatterbox Submissions Due

Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm



August 2025

- 4 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 7 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo, Hutchinson
- 8 State Fair Entry Forms Due to Office by 5 pm**
- 14 4-H Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 15 Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due
- 16 State 4-H Horticulture Judging, Manhattan
- 20 Livestock Committee Meeting, Downstairs
Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 23 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan
- 25 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm
- Chatterbox Submissions Due**
- 27 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

September 5-14 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

EMR= Extension Meeting Room at
Extension Office

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All dates and activities are subject to change.