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**February**

- 1 Enrollment Deadline for Exhibiting at the County Fair
- 1 Citizenship in Action Registration Due
- 14 Record Book Workshop
- 14 4-H Council, 7:00 pm
- 14 CQ County Club Day/Favorite Foods Show Entries Due
- 18-19 Citizenship in Action—Topeka
- 24 CQ County Club Day/Favorite Foods Show—Sedan High School

**March**

- 1 State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 2 KSU Junior Beef Producer Day
- 14 KSU Junior Sheep Producer Day
- 19 YQCA—Howard, 6:30 pm
- 23 Regional 4-H Club Day—Madison
- 24 Market Beef Weigh-In—Sedan
- 29 Good Friday—Extension Offices Closed

**April**

- 1 CQ County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 10 4-H Council
- 24 YQCA Training—Sedan, 7:00 pm
- 26-27 Market Hog, Lamb and Goat Weigh-In—Sedan
- 27 Spring Beef Show

## CQ Co. 4-H Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be February 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Sedan.

## Citizenship in Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action!

**What:** This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

**When:** February 18-19, 2024

**Where:** Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

**Who:** Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

**Registration:** [HERE!](#)

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/eventsactivities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html>

**Cost:** \$220

**Registration Deadline:** January 26, 2024

BANQUET will be Sunday evening, if you are asking your legislators to join, please email [dsratlif@ksu.edu](mailto:dsratlif@ksu.edu) by Feb 12 with any additional attendees. The cost is \$35 for addi-

## Livestock Tagging

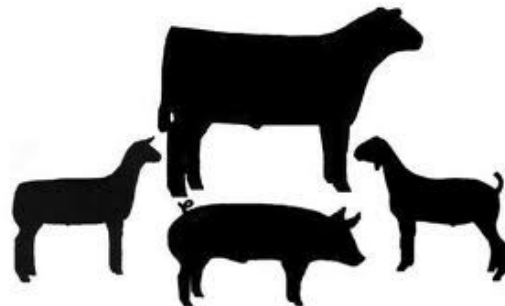
If you wish to exhibit an animal of any species at the 2024 Chautauqua County 4-H Fair, it must be tagged and/or ownership verified by registration papers, including dairy and bucket calf. All breeding animals must have ownership as of the date of that species weigh in/tag day. Commercial livestock needs to be tagged with a 4-H tag and registered purebred livestock must have registration papers in the exhibitor's name. Breeding animals that were tagged in previous years are eligible for 2024, so long as the previous year's tag is still in its ear. Therefore they do not need to be retagged.

Breeding beef heifers must be tagged at the weigh in and tag day on March 24 or have registration papers by that date. Breeding meat goats, sheep and swine must be tagged on April 26 or 27 or have registration papers by this date. Dairy cattle/goats and bucket calves need to be tagged and recorded with the Extension Office by May 1 of the current year.

## Spring Weigh-In Dates

**Market Beef Weigh--In: March 24 in Sedan. 120 days prior to fair.**

**Market Hog/Lamb/Meat Goats Weigh-In: April 26-27 in Sedan. 89-88 days before the fair.**



## Kansas 4-H and CQ County 4-H Scholarships & Honor Cord Application

If you are a high school senior or college student, start thinking about applying for 4-H scholarships now. The Kansas 4-H Foundation partners with Kansas 4-H to offer over 50 different scholarships to help fund higher education for 4-H youth who are high school seniors or older.

Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications are due by March 1. The application for the Chautauqua County 4-H Scholarship is due April 1. Here is a link to information and the application for both the Kansas and Chautauqua County scholarships.

<https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/cq4-h/activities/index.html>

## Senior Job Interview Contest At Club Day

This contest is for members age 14-18. Public speaking is one of the most important life skills a 4-H'er develops over their 4-H careers. That's right, you are developing career-based skills and 4-H Club Day is one opportunity to develop and showcase these skills.

In 2023, Chase, Chautauqua, Coffey, Elk, Greenwood, Lyon and Morris counties debuted a Job Interview contest at their local club day for 4-H'ers in the senior division, ages 14-18. County winners will have the opportunity to compete at Regional 4-H Club Day.

Many of you may already have a cover letter and a resume put together for your project record book area screening requirement. With the cover letter and resume, a new requirement for area and state, the Job Interview will give you another place to utilize the work you've already done (or encourage

you to get these important career-based tools ready!). The Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition and project specific work that is required for area record judging will be your guideline for preparing for this portion of the contest.

Pages 10-11 and page 13 in the Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition include information on the cover letter and resume: <https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/cq4-h/awards/index.html>

### **Job Interview contest expectations:**

• 4-H'ers will present a prepared cover letter and resume following the state record keeping guide. You will be able to use the cover letter and resume that you already put together for the area screening (or this will help you get this step of career employment started).

• 4-H'ers will be interviewed by a potential employer/boss or panel of interviewers.

• The interview will focus on the Job Description provided. The same Job Description will be used at both you local and regional 4-H Club Day competitions.

• Interviews will be timed and will last no longer than 20 minutes.

• The 4-H'er who is selected as the top candidate for the job at each county contest will earn the right to compete in the Job Interview at Regional 4-H Club Day March 23 in Madison.

One alternate can be selected to attend if the top candidate wishes not to compete. This is a mock interview competition. The job description is one of a job that could be filled by a teen 4-H'er in your community but is not currently in the budget. Please review the information and consider your skills/experience and how it would fit into your goals and future career opportunities. What you present and share for the interview must be factual and true to your personal 4-H experience.

For more information about the interview contest and the position that you will be interviewing for go to: <https://www.rollingprairie.kstate.edu>



## SUPER SELLER!

Kannon Loftin is in the 4-H Spotlight this month for his amazing super-salesmanship! Kannon sold \$3— raffle tickets, which helps our scholarship fund so 4-H'ers in Chautauqua County can help pay for their post high school education experience.

Kannon, an 11 year-old, is homeschooled and has been an active member of the Sedan Willing Workers 4-H Club for 3 years and earned his Clover pin last year. Kannon is enrolled in several projects this year: Foods & Nutrition, Horticulture, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits, Sewing & Textile Design, Visual Arts, and Woodworking.

Kannon also enjoys anything outdoors. He is very interested in guns and is hoping to start learning trap shooting skills this year.

In his spare time, Kannon is interested in shooting guns, playing army and fishing. He loves working on science projects with his Aunt Stacy, trying new foods with Aunt Teresa, sitting with Aunt Rachie at ball games, and setting traps with his grandpa. He enjoys playing with his cousins and friends when he can. Kannon loves going out to eat with his grandma and reminding her that he's as tall as her now. Kannon actively helps with the animals on the homestead, including his new baby Dorper ram lamb, Zeus, and his English Mastiff, Kona. You will often find him with his mom, Kristi, going on adventures and helping out with 4-H activities.

## Project Exploration

The **4-H Engineering & Technology** area is composed of multiple projects designed to help youth explore and gain skills in STEM. Youth can learn how to build rockets and robots and explore space through astronomy. There are opportunities to learn more about unmanned aerial systems (drones). Youth may also gain experiences in computer building, repair and networking. Ag Mechanics and Architectural Block Construction provide further opportunity for exploration in this continually developing and growing area.

- ◆ [Aerospace/Rocketry](#)
- ◆ [Ag Mechanics Welding](#)
- ◆ [Astronomy](#)
- ◆ [Building Block Engineering](#)
- ◆ [Computer Science](#)
- ◆ [Electric & Renewable Energy](#)
- ◆ [Robotics](#)
- ◆ [Small Engines](#)
- ◆ [Uncrewed Aircraft Systems](#) (drones)
- ◆ [Woodworking](#)

If you're interested in STEM, let us know. We are hoping to increase learning opportunities in this area.





## REGISTRATIONS DUE!

**Junior Beef Producers Day**  
**February 12**

**Junior Sheep Producers Day**  
**February 26**

See article for more infor-

## WEIGH-IN DATES

Market Beef	March 24
Small Animal	April 26-27

## SPRING SHOWS

Beef	April 27
Small Animal	June 1

## ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

February 1st

Drop/Add Projects deadline is May 1st

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

### DUE

March 1	State Applications
April 1	CQ County Applications
April 1	Honor Cord Applications

**CQ County Club Day**

**Favorite Foods Show**

**February 24**

**Entries Due February 16**

**Citizenship in Action**

**Registration Due 2/1/2024**

**Event: February 18-19, 2024**



## K-State Junior Beef Producer Day



K-State Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 2, 2024, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan.** This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth beef projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, the K-State Livestock Judging Team, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, meat science, reproduction, health, nutrition, hair care, grooming, fitting, and showmanship. An optional instructor led YQCA session will be offered at the conclusion of the program. A session over the state livestock nomination process will also be provided at the end of the day, concurrently with the YQCA training.

The cost for junior beef producer day is **\$20 per person, if registration is submitted by February 12, 2024, or \$25 per person after that date.** All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. **Only participants who register by February 12 will receive a t-shirt.** Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. For more information, contact your local Extension Office or Lexie Hayes at [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu) or 785-532-1264.

## K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day



K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted on **Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan.** This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth sheep projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, undergraduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, meat science, nutrition, reproduction, the starter flock program, wool, health and wellness, facilities and equipment, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. An optional instructor led YQCA session will also be offered at the conclusion of the program. A session over the state livestock nomination process will also be provided at the end of the day, concurrently with the youth YQCA training.

The cost for junior sheep producer day is **\$20 per person, if registration is submitted by February 26, 2024, or \$25 per person after the early deadline.** All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. **Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt.** Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. For more information, contact your local Extension Office or Lexie Hayes at [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu) or 785-532-1264.





## YQCA Requirement

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multispecies youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 7-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

ALL exhibitors, including youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), will need to be YQCA certified prior to nominating animals for State shows. Your certification from any previous year does not carry over to this year. A new certification must occur each year.

Youth may obtain their YQCA certification using one of the following methods: Instructor-led Training or the Online Course. There will be two face-to-face YQCA training opportunities in the Rolling Prairie District. The **Howard training will be on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 pm** and the **Sedan training will be on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm.**



## Buymanship Project has a New Name!

If you have enrolled in Sewing & Textiles (also a revised name), please note that Buymanship is now a separate project known as **Shopping in Style**. Both projects will culminate in a Fashion Revue with three age classes. There will not be separate Boys' and Girls' classes. Clothing Construction will still be judged separately from Shopping in style, but also will only have age classes.

## Spring Break Record Book Workshops

Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and non-4-H experience and are encouraged to summarize their project experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition. Youth may choose to use either record keeping option: (1) the fillable PDF Project report forms or (2) **the online Z-Books software**. Both workshops will cover the same information so feel free to attend either session. The main focus of this workshop will be going over ZBooks software and how to incorporate it into your next year's record keeping. Bring your laptop or tablet for hands on training.

Lunchtime session March 12 from 11:30-1:30 at the extension office

Record Book Workshop March 14 from 5 pm-7 pm.

## Rock Springs 4-H Camp

Registration for 4-H Camp at Rock Springs is now open for 2024. For more information about summer camp, visit

[www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org](http://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org).

# Questions on 4-H Club Day

Are you unsure of what a good project talk, demonstration or illustrated talk looks like? Or, maybe you have no idea what 4-H Club Day is. Well, to ease your confusion, here is some information about 4-H Club Day.

## What is 4-H Club Day?

4-H Club Day is where 4-H'ers can participate in activities either as a group or an individual. Activities can range from model meetings, demonstrations, project talks, dancing, music, dramatics, etc. It is competitive, with judges giving ratings in top blue, blue, red, and white placings. It is a good time for 4-H'ers to develop self-confidence and poise. It is an opportunity to perform in front of others and share one's 4-H experience.

What is the difference between all these presentations?

## Project Talks

### **PLEASE NOTE: PROJECT TALKS ARE FOR MEMBERS 7-11 YEARS OLD**

Quite simply it is a talk about one of your projects. It can tell about your experiences in the project and/or give information relating to your project. The talk should be over something you are familiar with and be of interest to yourself and

others. Questions are not asked at the end of a project talk.

- 1.Tells about
- 2.Purpose: To inform
- 3.Visuals: Charts only

## Demonstration

A demonstration is simply showing and telling how to do something. It is a teaching method.

Most demonstrations incorporate an introduction, a body that is the "Show and Tell" part, and a summary to stress the important parts of your demonstration.

- 1.Shows how
- 2.Purpose: To teach
- 3.Visuals: Charts and aids for making a product.

## Illustrated Talk

An illustrated talk is talking and telling how to do something by using pictures, charts, models, equipment, and other types of visual aids.

- 1.Tells how
- 2.Purpose: To teach
- 3.Visuals: Models, charts

## Show N Share Talk

### **FOR FIRST YEAR MEMBERS ONLY!**

This is an opportunity for first year members to give a talk or presentation in front of people for the first time. The judge will provide comments to the 4-H'er and they will receive a ribbon.

These talks are not eligible for Regional 4-H Club Day.

More information about what the judges will be looking for can be found on the [Rolling Prairie](https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/cq4-h/activities/index.html) website in the updated score sheets for each Club Day category and other information about 4-H Club Day .

<https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/cq4-h/activities/index.html>



## CQ County Club Day and Favorite Food Show

The Favorite Food Show will be held this year on the same day as 4-H Club Day, February 24 at Sedan High School. Entries for Club Day, and Favorite Foods Show are due by Friday, February 16. Information has been posted to the Rolling Prairie website, under Chautauqua County 4-H, as well as entry forms about these events.

<https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/cq4-h/activities/index.html>

Entry forms for club days are also on the above mentioned website.



## Gavel Games

Parliamentary procedure is one of the lasting skills identified by former 4-H members that was developed during their 4-H years.

Gavel Games is designed to teach parliamentary pro-

cedure in a fun, meaningful way. In a Gavel Games contest, four 4-H'ers make up a team and act as officers for a 4-H business model meeting. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are the only officers in this parliamentary exercise.

Each team takes a written test as well. Part of the test is the order of business. Teams receive a score on both the written test and oral presentation. Age divisions are Junior (13 and under) and Senior (14 and older).

If anyone is interested in Gavel Games or would like more information, let me know. I will be glad to help anyone wanting to try this. Clubs and members can do both model meeting and Gavel Games if they want. Members on a Gavel Games team do not have to be from the same 4-H club.

On our website, under Club Days, is a publication about Gavel Games. This is a document developed by Richard Fechter, Rolling Prairies Extension Agent in Elk County. It is now used by all the counties in our Regional 4-H Club Day group.

## Model Meetings

Clubs performing a model meeting are required to make at least one motion from the five types of motions. The types of motions are: Main, Subsidiary, Incidental, Privileged, and Unclassified. Motions that fall under these categories/types can be found in **A Guide to Parliamentary Practice for your Club** on pages 2-3 or in **The Meeting Will Come To Order** on page 18.





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