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**Chautauqua County
4-H Update**



March

- 1 State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due**
- 1 KSU Junior Swine Producer Days—Manhattan**
- 8 CQ County Club Day/Favorite Foods Show—Sedan**
- 19 YQCA—Howard, Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.**
- 22 KSU Junior Meat Goat Producer Day—Manhattan**
- 22 Regional 4-H Club Day—Madison**
- 23 Market Beef Weigh In—Sedan**

April

- 1 CQ County 4-H Scholarship & Honors Cord Applications Due**
- 9 4-H Council**
- 11-16 National 4-H Conference**
- 18 Good Friday—Extension Offices Closed**
- 23 YQCA—Sedan 4-H Building, 7:00pm**
- 25-26 Market Hog, Lamb and Goat Weigh-In—Sedan**
- 26 Spring Beef Show**

May

- 1 Project Drop/Add Deadline**
- 1 State Nominations Due for Market Beef**
- TBA Fun Fish Clinic—Sedan**
- 17 Spring Small Animal Livestock Show—Sedan**
- 26 Memorial Day—Extension Offices Closed**





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.

Howard training:

Wednesday, March 19th @6:30 pm

Sedan training:

Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:00

Livestock Tagging

If you wish to exhibit an animal of any species at the 2025 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 2025, so long as the previous year's tag is still in its ear. Therefore they do not need to be retagged.

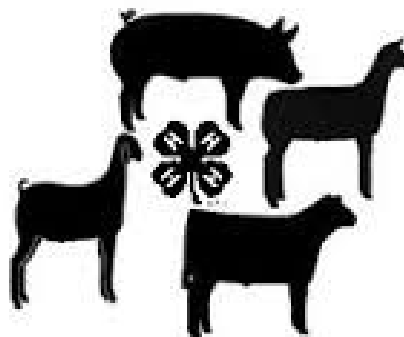
Breeding beef heifers must be tagged at the weigh in and tag day on March 23 or have registration papers by that date. Breeding meat goats, sheep and swine must be tagged on April 25 or 26 or have registration papers by this date. Dairy cattle/goats and bucket calves need to be tagged and recorded with the Extension Office by May 1 of the current year.

Spring Weigh-In Dates

Market Beef Weigh--In: March 23 in Sedan. 120 days prior to fair.

Market Hog/Lamb/Meat Goats Weigh-In: April 25-26 in Sedan. 89-88 days before the fair.

Tags are \$4.00 each.





Drop/Add Project Deadline

You have until **May 1** to make changes in your projects. You can do this through 4-H Online or call the extension Office and we can do it for you. If you are trying to do this in 4-H Online, after May 1 it will not allow you to make any changes.

WEIGH-IN DATES

Market Beef	March 23
Small Animal	April 25-26

SPRING SHOWS

Beef	April 26
Small Animal	May 17

To Make the Best
BETTER

Horse IDs

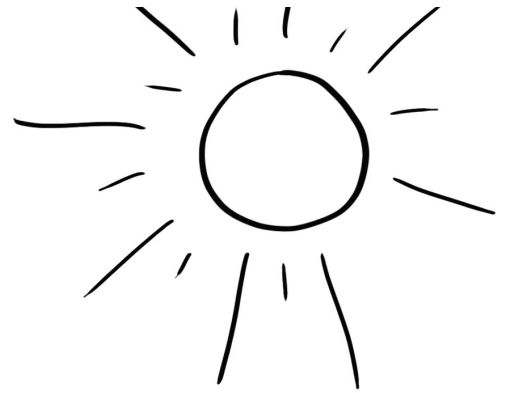
Due: June 1, 2024



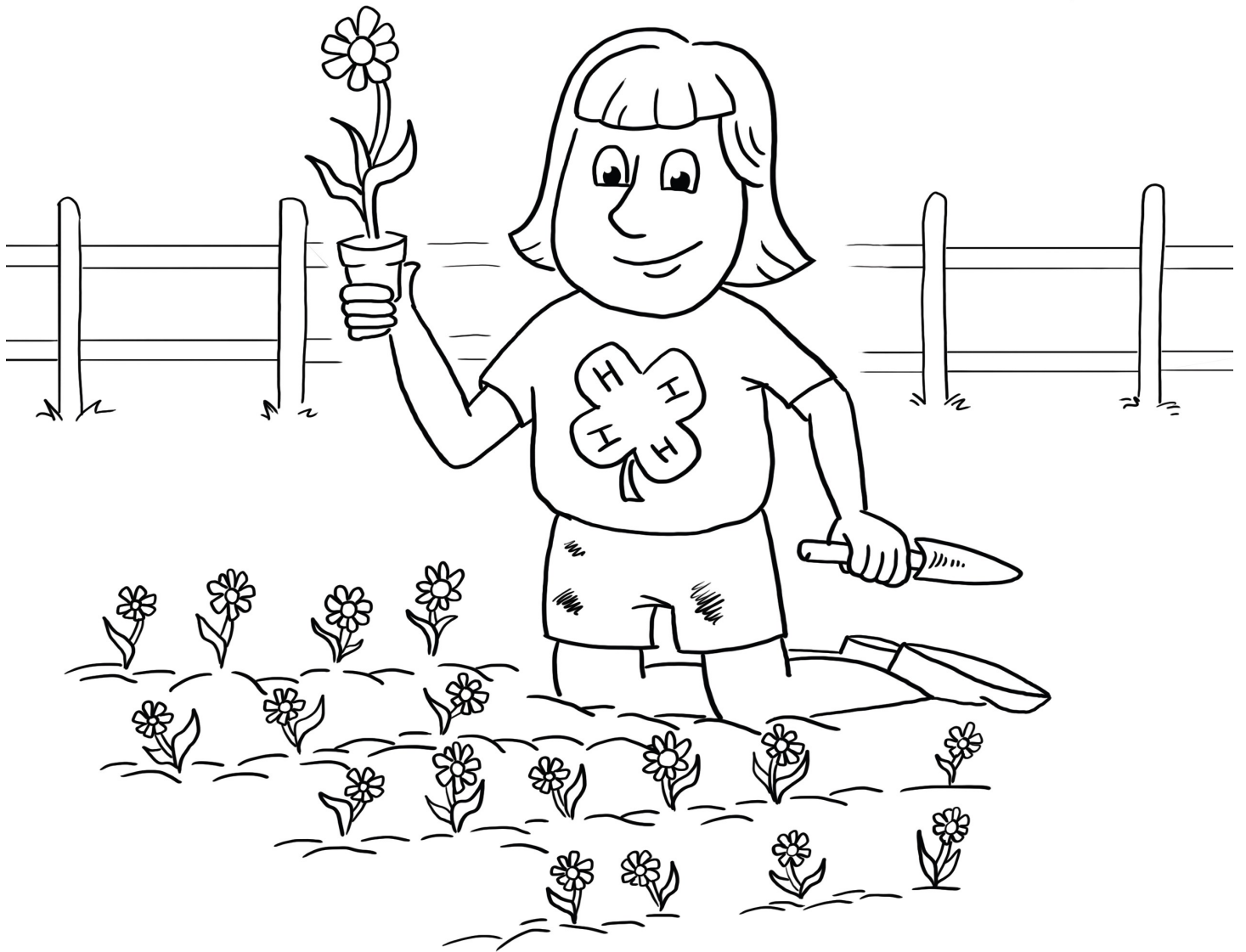
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

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

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



gardening



Discover
Yourself 
in **4-H**

Chautauqua County 4-H Spring Livestock Shows



BEEF SHOW
APRIL 26, 2025
11:00 A.M.

**SMALL ANIMAL
SHOW**

MAY 17, 2025
9:00 A.M.



Chautauqua County Fairgrounds—Sedan, KS

Weigh-in & registration 30 minutes prior to each show
Open only to youth in
Chautauqua & Elk Counties.
For more information contact the Extension Office

9:00 a.m. Goat
10:00 a.m. Sheep
11:30 p.m. Swine

Concessions will be available

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Food and Nutrition Tour at Butler County Community College

May 28, 2025. Butler CC's Culinary and Hospitality Management programs at the Redler Institute of Culinary Arts are for students interested in becoming a chef at a restaurant or running their own restaurant/food truck. This will give members a chance to take a love of cooking into a career. Space will be limited to 10 people.

Photography Trip to Pittsburg

Date to be announced. We will be going to tour the MPIX photo printing lab to see where our digital photos become printed masterpieces. We will also meet with a local photographer to talk about how they turned their project into a profession. Bring your camera for some hands-on photo ops.

Horse Showing Basics

This will be a local and date will be announced later. Tiffany Jackson will put her years of experience to helping you improve your showmanship skills.

Southeast Area Livestock Contest at Iola, KS

June 3, 2025. 4-H members will have the opportunity to compete in the livestock skillathon and livestock judging. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. This also counts as an educational requirement to sell in the premium sale.

Southeast Area 4-H Challenge Day at Emporia, KS

June 12, 2025. 4-H members can participate in a variety of contest including Horticulture ID, Crops ID, Photography Judging, and FCS Judging. Those who qualify at County Club Day will also be able to take their Favorite Foods tables to this contest.

Keep an eye out for more information

Sewing and Shopping in Style Trip to Bartlesville

Date is to be announced. We will be checking out the thrift stores and discount clothing shops to see what we can style into some amazing outfits. We will end the day with modeling lessons and script writing lessons. Cost will be based on the budget you and your parents set for your outfit. Feel free to bring a favorite shirt, comfy jeans or pair of shoes that you already have to base your outfit around.

Visual Arts Backyard Tour to Sedan and Caney

Date is to be announced. We will be taking a trip around the county to check out the Barn Quilt Tour. Then we will meet up with local artist to discuss with them what it took to turn their hobby into something more. We will finish out the day with a hands on craft project.

4-H WORD SEARCH

Youth in 4-H do many activities. In the word search below, there are words that relate to what 4-H is all about. Can you find all 22 words in this puzzle? Good luck and if you find them all, you have CLOVER POWER!

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 CBYAHGERHEOPGAMOOK
 OLEADERSDOEJEWNZEME
 DORAAAEMERCETPDEIPT
 TVSFRDETNSHCSWSBDUR
 HEARTMNRNEWTWHITETY
 QRRGAMESGSNSEWINGEP
 XSOLEARNBYDOINGLZRC



Health (one of the 4 "H"s)

Heart (one of the 4 "H"s)

Hands (one of the 4 "H"s)

Head (one of the 4 "H"s)

Clover (Emblem)

White (one of the 4-H colors)

Food

Parents

Games

Members

Rocketry

Projects

Computer

Sewing

Garden

"To Make Best Better" (4-H motto)

Leaders

Green (one of the 4-H colors)

Horses

Pets

Speech (one of the skills you can learn in 4-H)

Learn by Doing (the way we teach in 4-H)

Resource: ND 4-H Learn About Lesson





4-H Entrepreneurs

This time of year there are lots of jr. high and high school students competing in Youth Entrepreneur Challenges across the state. Here in Chautauqua County we have 4-H members who are using their market and maker skills to forge their way into the business world. At last year's Christmas Bazaar hosted by the Sedan Public Library we had four 4-H members showcase their wares.

June Gooden, Sedan Willing Workers 4-H Club, has been researching how to make slime and what it takes to make "good" slime. She used hands on samples to entice customers to buy slime at her booth. June offered different flavors and types of slime as well as kits that included mix-ins to enhance your slime experience.

Lane Robinson, also a member of Sedan Willing Workers, took a night of crafting to the next level. He had hand-made earrings and necklaces with a variety of styles and themes. He sold these not only at the bazaar but also during several Facebook Live sales.

Alissa McDaniel, A first year Prairie Pride member, combined her love of dogs and baking with her mom into a business venture. She researched different recipes for dog treats and then got to making. She offered peanut butter and sweet potato treats. Alissa even made some special orders cause she sold out during the bazaar.

Tiffany McDaniel, Prairie Pride 4-H Club, isn't new to the Christmas Bazaar. This marks her third time to have a booth in the last 4 years. She has been making and selling cocoa bombs since 2021. This year she learned to make popcorn balls too and added those to her offerings.

How can you turn your 4-H project or hobby into a business?

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>

Club Educational Experiences

Club meetings a little boring? Do you just live for Fair Time? Maybe you need to spice up your meetings. Here are some Ideas:

- * Have a project meeting as your monthly meeting.
- * Club tour
- * Community Service Project
- * A Record Book Workshop
- * Invite a friend (or two)
- * Family Fun Night (skating , bowling, cookout, etc.)
- * Game night
- * Scavenger hunt
- * Invite another club for Gavel Games
- * Practice Parliamentary Procedures
- * Brainstorm ideas for other meetings.

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

- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade
- 6th Grade - 8th Grade
- High School
- Adults

CATEGORIES

- Traditional Illustration (drawing or painting)
- Digital Artwork
- 3-D Creation (painting on canvas, collage, sculpture, or other media)

AWARDS

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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Scholarship Hints & Tips

“Those experiences are important for youth to pull out of their bag of memories, to be able to talk about the skills they have been learning on the job or in the 4-H program and school, and how it’s going to impact their future career aspirations.” — Wade Weber, State Program Leader, Kansas 4-H

Did you know there are over 50 different 4-H scholarships available in the State of Kansas? Those scholarships are due March 1 of each year. However, Chautauqua County also has 4-H Scholarships that you can apply for and the deadline for it is April 1st.. The Chautauqua County 4-H Scholarship is set up to reward 4-H’ers who have excelled in the Chautauqua County 4-H program through their leadership, citizenship, and project skills.

In order to qualify for this scholarship, there are some things that you have to do, but they can be done any-time during your 4-H career.

- ◇ Complete and submit your record book each year.
- ◇ Take part in County 4-H Day as a contestant presenting an individual number.
- ◇ Participate in at least one out-of-county judging, 4-H Workshop or approved event or contest.
- ◇ Serve as a junior leader at a county 4-H Event (County Fair, Club Day, Etc.)

- ◇ Serve as a club officer.
- ◇ Serve as a chairperson of a 4-H Club Committee.
- ◇ Receive County recognition at the County Achievement Banquet.

In the year you apply, you need to do the following:

- 1) Exhibit one or more projects at the county fair.
- 2) Present part of the program for at least one regularly scheduled meeting (Demonstration, project talk, illustrated talk, etc.)
- 3) Complete and submit your 4-H Record Book.
- 4) Write a story about your ambitions and how 4-H has helped you.
- 5) Interview with the Scholarship Committee to tell about your interests, aspirations and experiences. It’s usually pretty easy to talk about the things you like.

That’s basically it. We all like to receive money for doing a job well done. It’s even better if it helps us get into a career that we enjoy. Those experiences help you to tell about your time in 4-H and how those experiences have prepared you for the next step in your life.

If you are looking at continuing your education after high school, or even if it’s not yet on your radar, do the basics. It’s always good to have options.

“Take your victories, whatever they may be, cherish them, use them, but don’t settle for them.”

— Mia



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