

ISSUE 5 • MARCH 2025

4-H UPDATES

Official Newsletter of Barber County 4-H

4-H Starts Using Heja

4-H Council has talked since September about moving to an app to help increase communication. At the February meeting, it was decided to try the free version of Heja.

The app is designed for sports team. In the app, Barber County 4-H is a Team. Each 4-H club also has a Team. Club Leaders are Coaches. The Coaches are all being added to a Managers Chat on Barber County 4-H Team that allows the office to send messages to leaders only. There is also a Team Chat that all parents and members will be included in.

The App also includes a schedule. Currently we are not using the RSVP function, but it does provide a day of reminder for upcoming events. The office is maintaining the schedule in the Barber County 4-H Team. Clubs can also maintain a schedule of club events in their team.

Early reviews are positive. For the rest of this 4-H Year, Newsletters will be emailed in addition to posted on Heja. The app gives us flexibility to update the schedule as events are planned so you may find announcements there before the next newsletter is sent.

To join download Heja from the Apple or Google Store. During sign up, it should ask for a Team Code. Barber County 4-H: DP-668569

Leaders have also been sent links to share for the Barber County 4-H Team. Club Codes will be sent to the Leaders.

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Regional Club Day

4-H Regional Club Day will be March 29 at the Medicine Lodge High School. Usually, the schedule starts around 9:00 P.M.

Entries will be due March 10 to the Extension Office. All Top Blues will be eligible to attend. Alternate Top Blues will be notified if the Top Blue recipient is unable to attend. Details, including scoresheets, are available at www.barber.k-state.edu/4-h/2024%20Club%20Day%20Guidelines.pdf

Barber County Spring Show

APRIL 19-20, 2025
SEE FLYER IN NEWSLETTER

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge Comes to Barber County

March 11th we will have 3 businesses entered in the 1st Barber County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. It is open to all Barber County Youth in 7th to 12 grades.

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) is a program that is managed by Network Kansas and Kansas State University. This is a joint effort between Barber County Development and K-State Research and Extension in Barber County.

WHAT IS A YEC COMPETITION? Communities host locally-organized events that bring students together for the purpose of a hands-on entrepreneurship experience. Typically, local entrepreneurship competitions involve students preparing a written business plan or executive summary, a “tradeshow booth” (similar to a science fair tabletop display), and a pitch or presentation.

The winner will qualify to attend the State Contest at K-State. The State Contest has over \$70,000 in prize money this year.

The Trade Show will open at 3:00 P.M. Awards will be at 3:30 P.M. They will be allowed to take down their displays after photos are taken with the awards. This would be a great way to learn about the contest and be able to help promote it next year.

This contest should continue to grow in future years.



Club Day Results

Congratulations to all participants at our county club day on Feb 22!! Please see all results on Page 8 & 9 of the newsletter. Photography Judging Results are included.

Congrats Sunflower
GO GETTER AWARD WINNER

4-H Council picks a Fair Theme & Spotlight on Facebook Announced

Clubs were given the opportunity to share ideas for the 104th Barber County Fair. Ideas were then voted on by representative of all clubs.

The 2025 fair theme is

Four-Ever Raising Champions.

Also announced, each club should select 2 members for 4-H Spotlight on the Facebook Page. Please let the office know who is selected. They will be sent a google form to fill out.

4-H Council Meetings

MAY 19, 2025
IN MEDICINE LODGE
7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025
IN MEDICINE LODGE
7:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY
RECORD BOOK
SCREENING

PROJECT EXPLORATION: BUILDING BLOCK ENGINEERING

March 18, 2025

1:00 P.M. Building Block Engineering

See State Fair Quality Projects & Learn Tips.

At Barber County Annex in Medicine Lodge

Call the Extension Office at 620-886-3971

by March 17 to sign up

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Club News

Submit notes from your club meetings by the 20th of each month to reubank@ksu.edu to have them included here.

No Club news this month



Reporter's
Corner

Club News from
Barber County



Minutes from 4-H Council for November 2, 2024

Barber County 4-H Council
November 2, 2024
Submitted by Breckyn Hiltner

The meeting of the Barber County 4-H Council was called to order by President Callan Smith following the 4-H Achievement Banquet on November 2, 2024.

It was moved by Jemma Whitebread and seconded by Dani Mixon to suspend the opening ceremony of the Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge.

Roll call was answered by 6 clubs being present.

Secretary Breckyn Hiltner read the minutes from the September 23, 2024 meeting.

Treasurer Callen Corr read the Treasurer's report with a beginning balance of \$4,905.30. There were expenses of \$400.00 for the Parish Hall rental, \$66.00 for 4-H Story Awards, & \$1,000.00 for 4-H Program fees leaving an ending balance of \$3,493.30. The Jr. Leaders Fund has a balance of \$771.11 and the Dog Project Fund has a balance of \$1559.81. In communications, Callen Corr and Dani Mixon gave committee reports on Pack the Pantry. Callen reported approximately 35 items were given to the South Barber Food Bank and Dani Mixon reported approximately 6 bags were donated to the Medicine Lodge Food Bank.

In old business, comments on the 4-H Achievement Banquet were given stating there was a great turnout, Callan Smith did a great job, and also a suggestion was made to have a club table decoration contest for the theme of the banquet for next year. There were no comments about officer training.

In new business, County Club Days was discussed. Boyd Banks made a motion to have County Club Days on February 22, 2025 at 9am South Barber High School Jemma Whitebread seconded, motion passed. Boyd Banks also made a motion to have February 15, 2025 as a backup date Callen Corr second, motion passed. There was no other new business.

The following announcements were made: 4-H Enrollment - Returning members need to enroll by December 1, Turn a copy of the Program Book for your club in to the office, Citizenship in Action - February 16-17, 2025, Barber County Fair - July 24-27, 2025. The next 4-H Council meeting will be February 24, 2025 in Medicine Lodge, KS. Boyd Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting second by Martin Mills, motion passed



Tagging Dates

MARKET BEEF: MARCH 7

BREEDING BEEF: MAY 2

BUCKET CALF: MAY 2

SWINE: MAY 2

SHEEP: MAY 2

MEAT GOAT: MAY 2

COST OF COUNTY TAGS: \$3
EACH

COST OF STATE EID TAGS: \$3
EACH

HORSE PAPERS: JUNE 1

Tagging Policy

For the 2025 Barber County Fair, all market and breeding animals will be identified by a State EID Tag, a Barber County Tag, Scrapie Tag or a Tattoo. This number will be submitted with 3 photos (Front, Side, & Side) by the deadlines announced in the 4-H Newsletter. Tags will be available for purchase in the Barber County Extension Office. The cost is \$3 per tag.

Looking Ahead. . . .

March

- March 1: Swine Jr. Producer Day, KS 4-H Scholarships Due
- March 11: BACO Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge
- March 18: Building Block Engineering @ 1 P.M.
- March 20: State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- March 22: Super Saturday @ Colby, Flyer on Pg 15
- March 22: Goat Jr. Producer Day
- March 29: Regional Club Day

April

- April 15: Insect Art Contest Entries postmarked by, Spring Into Volunteering Registration due
- April 17: State Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge
- April 18: Extension Office Closed
- April 19-20: Spring Livestock Show
- April 26: Spring into Volunteering Event

May

- May 9: Wildhorse Camp Registration Forms Due & Scholarship Forms Due for any summer events
- May 9-11: Shooting Sports Leader Training @ Rock Springs
- May 28: 4-H Day Camp "Wild About 4-H"

June

- June 1: Horse Papers Due
- June 4-6: Discovery Days
- June 17-19: Wildhorse Camp at Silver Maple
- June 30: Building Block Engineering Fair Entries Judged

July

- July 8: Fair Pre-Entries & Fair Scholarship Due
- July 24-27: Barber County Fair

August

- August 11: State Fair Entries Due

September

- September 25: 4-H Recordbooks Due & 4-H Council

State Wide Events

Flyers, Images, Notes about State Wide Events

Spring Into Volunteering

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Polytechnic Campus on Saturday, April 26. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles. Sessions for the day include Preparing Youth for Real-World Opportunities, Personalities and How They Affect Volunteers, Facilitating Civic Engagement and Service, Keeping Kids Engaged, and Resources for You. The registration fee for the day is \$20 and includes materials and lunch! Online registration is due April 15, 2025, and the fee will be submitted to Extension.

Insect Art Contest

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. See flyer at end of newsletter for entry form and more information.

Junior Producer Days

Mark your calendar!! The 2025 K-State Junior Producer Day dates have been set for next spring. Junior Swine Producer Day will be Saturday, March 1, with Junior Meat Goat Producer Day following on Saturday, March 22. and Super Saturday @ Colby also on March 22. See flyer at end of newsletter for more information.

Camps Coming in 2025:

Rock Springs Ranch Camps:

Every year, thousands of kids come to 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. They unplug, explore, play and learn the kinds of lessons that can last a lifetime. Campers grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. Many make friends for life. It's also just plain FUN!

The values of 4-H are at the core of Rock Springs Ranch and they guide all of our programming. We believe the lessons learned here can create a foundation for success that will last far beyond their visit. **But you don't have to be a 4-H member to come to camp at Rock Springs!**

Everyone is welcome, regardless of 4-H membership!

Visit [Rock Springs Ranch](#) if you'd like to learn more about sessions, dates, rates and the 4-H Camp experience!

Wildhorse Camp at Silver Maple: June 17-19 Registration date cutoff is May 9th. See flyer at end of newsletter.



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*St. Patrick's
Day*

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means of communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by contacting the event contact Robin Eubank-Callis two weeks prior to the start of the event at 620-886-3971 or reubank@ksu.edu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information, will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.

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BARBER COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAY RESULTS



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Junior Readings

Koen B. - Blue
Callen C. - Blue
Grady H. - Blue
Hayden H. - Top Blue
River I. - Blue
Paisley M. - Blue
Livia M. - Alt. Top Blue
Braylee W. - Blue

Senior Readings

Garen C. - Alt Top Blue
Madisyn D. - Top Blue
Tanith E. - Top Blue
Kayla R. - Virtual - Red

Jr Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks

Liam B. - Red
Callen C. - Top Blue
Jancey G. - Virtual - Blue
Ryker G. and Breckyn H. - Blue
Taten G. - 2nd Alt Top Blue
Paisley M. - 1st Alt Top Blue
Kaylee M. - Blue
Jemma W. - Top Blue

Sr Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks

Boyd B. - Top Blue
Keagan M. - 1st Alt Top Blue
Callan S. - Top Blue
Beau W. - Red
Kooper W. - 2nd Alt Top Blue

Cloverbud Show & Tell

Bradie C. - Participation
Tenley G. - Participation
Jasper M. - Participation
Remi M. - Participation
Sutton R. - Participation

Project Talks

Janda G. - Virtual - Blue
Livia M. - Top Blue
Piper R. - Top Blue

Gavel Game

Sunflower, Senior - Virtual - Blue

Music

Vocal Ensembles

SunnyLakers, Senior - Top Blue
SunnyLakers, Junior - Top Blue

Instrumental Ensemble

Sunny Lakers, Senior - Top Blue

Instrumental Solos

Thomas M., Senior - Top Blue
Karlle M., Junior - Blue
Livia M., Junior - Alt Top Blue
Kaylee M., Junior - Top Blue

Vocal Solos

Tyler A., Senior - Top Blue
Thomas M., Senior - Alt Top Blue
Kynlee R., Junior - Blue
Kennedy W., Junior - Top Blue
Braylee W., Junior - Alt Top Blue

Novelty

Paisley M. and Braylee W. - Alt Top Blue
Kynee R. and Jemma W. - Top Blue

February 22, 2025
South Barber High School

Photography Judging from Club Day results as follows:

Cloverbud:

1. Remi Miller-203
2. Tenley Graves-198
3. Sutton Rhodes-194

Junior:

1. Ryker Gosvener-220
2. Taten Graves - 204
3. Grady Hutson - 203
4. Paisley Marshall - 191
5. Livia Miller - 189
6. River Inman - 184

Intermediate:

1. Callen Corr - 262
2. Hayden Hutson - 250
3. Braylee Waggoner - 242
4. Kynlee Rucker - 232
5. Cara Whitaker - 215,
6. Liam Brattin - 212
7. Kennedy Walz - 210
8. Jemma Whitebread - 204
9. Piper Rhodes - 190
10. Chloe Whitaker - 182

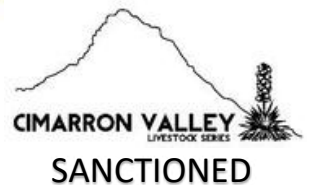
Senior:

1. Trilbey Dorsey - 284
2. Tanith Erikson - 268
3. Garen Cantrell - 266,
4. Madisyn Day - 258
5. Boyd Banks - 252
6. Keagan McMurray - 196

Adult:

1. Yvonne Burden - 243
2. Walinda Arnett - 229
3. Debra Larkin - 216
4. Leona Gosvener - 202

Barber County Spring Livestock Show
"A Tribute to Danny Stewart and Terry Underwood"
Barber County Fairgrounds – Hardtner, Kansas



April 19-20, 2025

Show Order & Times

Saturday

Showmanship prior to each specie

10:00 AM

Swine

Goats

Sheep

Sunday

11:00 AM

Showmanship

Breeding Heifers

Market Beef

Entry Fees

Small Animal - \$10 (Saturday ONLY)

Beef - \$15 (Sunday ONLY)

Showmanship - FREE

Prizes & Giveaways

Cash Prizes: Grand & Reserve Grand Champions

Breed & Reserve Breed Champions

\$2 bill awarded to each animal shown - Includes Breeding & Market

SHOWMANSHIP

Prizes for Grand, Reserve and 3rd Place

Entry Deadline

*Entry form AND Cards for
each specie must be turned in
by designated time each day.*

Swine – 9:00 AM (Saturday)

Goats – 10:30 AM (Saturday)

Sheep – 11:30 AM (Saturday)

Cattle – 10:30 AM (Sunday)

Hotel Accommodations:

Kiowa Motel (620) 825-4040 Gyp Hills

Guest Ranch (620) 886-3303 Hardtner

Guest Lodge (620) 296-4440

For more information call
Gina Stewart (580) 829-1315

SHOW RULES

Swine

- Must be born after January 1, 2025
- Maximum weight 165 lbs.
- 1st and 2nd place subject to weigh back (10 lbs.)

Goats

- Must have milk teeth present
- Maximum weight 85 lbs.
- 1st and 2nd place subject to weigh back (5 lbs.)
- Must have USDA premise ID tag

Sheep

- Must be born after January 1, 2025
- Maximum weight 110 lbs.
- 1st and 2nd place subject to weigh back (5 lbs.)

Beef

- Shown by weight
- Blow and Show (no paints, glue, adhesives, glues or boning soaps)

State of KS Animal Health requirements for
County Shows will be followed

Entry Form

Pre-Entries must be postmarked by April 10th
 Mail Entry to: Barber County Spring Livestock Show
 c/o Janie Stewart, 200 S. Church, Hazelton, KS 67061

Exhibitor Name _____ Age (on Jan 1, current year – Must be age 7 to exhibit)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (Please list contact number during show) _____ Email _____

Showmanship (FREE) (Exhibitors will be placed in Showmanship Classes according to age. Sr. 14-18, Int. 10-13, Jr. 7-9.)

Swine
 Sheep
 Goat
 Beef

Class Entry	Number of Head*
SWINE	
Breeding Gilt	_____ x \$10 = \$
Market Swine	_____ x \$10 = \$
SHEEP	
Breeding Ewe	_____ x \$10 = \$
Market Lamb	_____ x \$10 = \$
GOAT	
Breeding Doe	_____ x \$10 = \$
Market Goat	_____ x \$10 = \$
BEEF	
Breeding Heifer	_____ x \$15 = \$
Market Beef	_____ x \$15 = \$

*Breed, tag number(s), and/or tattoos will be asked for at registration on cards.

Entry for: Saturday Sunday Total: _____

Office Use Only:	Cash: _____	Check No.: _____	Pre-Enter Date: _____
Received by (initial): _____	Amount: _____		



The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers Board
Invites **YOU**, 4-H volunteers and 4-H parents to

Spring Into Volunteering

SAT, April

26

9AM - 3PM

K-State Polytechnic Campus - College Center Conference Room

2310 Centennial Rd, Salina, KS 67401

Admission

\$20 covers lunch and materials

Register online by April 15, 2025

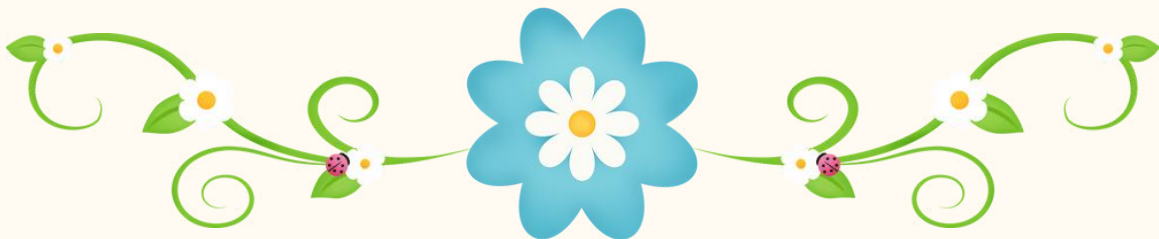
<https://bit.ly/3XAGMov>

Take payment to local Extension office

Agenda:

Get Acquainted and Introductions
Personality Types and Volunteer Work
Strategies to prepare youth for real-
world opportunities
Civic Engagement and Service Projects
Training Wheels Activities
4-H Volunteer Resources

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Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

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.

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.

Tentative Program

Friday, March 21
5:00-7:00PM *Optional Tour*
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

Saturday, March 22
8:00AM Check-in
9:00AM Welcome
9:15AM Selection
10:00AM Breakout Sessions
-Nutrition
-Facilities & Equipment
-Doe Management & Kidding
11:15AM Health & Wellness
12:00PM Lunch
1:00PM Breakout Sessions
-Showmanship
-Reproduction
-Clipping & Grooming
3:15PM Wrap-up
3:30PM YQCA Training (*optional*)
4:00-6:00PM *Optional Tour*
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

Registration

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



Scan me!

Questions?

Lexie Hayes
adhayes@ksu.edu
785.532.1264

Register Online

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

By
February 26



NW 4-H

Judging Event

Super Saturday

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9:00am - Finish

Host Site: Colby Community College Student Union and Thomas County Fairgrounds. Colby, Kansas

Judging Contests include: 9:00am to 12:30pm -- \$7.00

Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, Livestock Skill-a-thon

Volunteer Sessions for Parents and Volunteers - Free, 10:00am

Livestock Judging : 12:30pm Thomas County Fairgrounds

Project Opportunities: (NON-LIVESTOCK Judging youth): 1:00 -3:00pm \$5.00

The afternoon will be filled with engineering and technology stations (robots, circuits, building bricks, etc.) and Visual Arts Stations (Scrapbook, clay, paper crafts, etc.)

Sack Lunches provided with mandatory RSVP - \$8.00



Registration Link:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dajjdd7SK7HICeW

If you have any questions concerning this event, you may contact Robyn Trussel at 785-798-5020 or rdeines@ksu.edu or Chandra Plate at 620-388-7157 or cplate@ksu.edu

Time Line:

March 17th - Registrations for lunch and Project opportunities due

March 22nd:

- 9:00am to 12:30pm - Indoor Judging (Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Photography, Life Skills, and Livestock Skill-a-thon)
- 10:00am to noon - Volunteer/ Parent Session
- 11:30am to 12:30pm Pick up Sack Lunch
- 12:30pm Check in for livestock Judging at Livestock Pavilion , Thomas Co Fairgrounds, Colby
- 1:00pm Livestock Judging Orientation
- 1:00pm to 3:00pm Project Opportunities
- 1:30pm Livestock Judging Contest Begins

Results:

Livestock Judging Classes will be talked at the conclusion of reasons being given, all other contest results will be sent out 5-7 business days after the event.

Who: Any 4-H or FFA Youth 7-18 years of age, plus volunteers and parents

Where: Colby Community College Student Union for Indoor and Thomas County Fairgrounds for Livestock Judging

Cost: \$7 per individual (1 contest or multiple)

\$8 Sack Lunch- Sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie and drink

Project Opportunities : \$5.00 Engineering & Technology and Visual Arts Stations

Registration will be paid at the Event with Cash or Check made payable to Ness County 4-H Council



Contest Divisions:

Juniors - age 7-8 participation prizes only

Intermediates - age 9-13

Seniors - age 14 and over



Team Notice -- A younger member may move up an age group to complete a team but will be required to complete the requirements of the age division through the entire contest.

Awards:

Certificates and medals will be awarded in the intermediate and senior divisions. The top three individual and the top team will receive medals. The top 10 individuals will receive certificates. Medals and Certificates will be delivered to the home county at the earliest time possible. Junior division will participate as a "learning experience" and receive a 4-H incentive at each judging area. Results will be posted to <https://www.walnutcreek.k-state.edu/>

NW 4-H Super Saturday Judging Event Eligibility Requirements: Any current member of a 4-H Club and/or FFA chapter is eligible to participate.

Judging Teams: a county, district or chapter may enter one or more three/four member teams in all judging contest areas. Present team member names at registration. If team are not identified at registration they will not be scored as a team. Top 3 scores will be used to determine team score. Team members must be from the same local unit.

Livestock Judging: Laurel & Logan Despain, Risa Overmiller

This judging contest is designed to teach youth how to analyze market and breeding beef, goats, sheep and swine, measuring them against a standard that is commonly accepted as ideal. There will be six classes. Juniors and intermediates will have 2 classes of questions, with no reasons. Seniors will give two sets of reasons. Officials will give placings and talk the classes at the end of the contest and awards will be announced.

Crops: Stacy Campbell

The contest will consist of identification of plants and samples, classification of samples (crop, noxious weed or common weed) all youth will identify 100 samples (50 seeds and 50 plants) a tie breaker of 6 samples will be used.

Entomology: Jake Faulkender

The contest is designed to help youth learn how to properly identify Kansas insects. Each division will identify insect specimens, Juniors will identify 15, Intermediates 20 and Seniors 25.

Horticulture: Ryan Engel, Jay Harris and Master Gardener Volunteers

The contest will consist of 3 or 4 judging classes of any horticulture section (vegetables, flowers, nuts, etc.)The identification contest will include 15 samples for juniors, 50 samples for intermediates and seniors.

<https://www.k-state.edu/hort-judging/> for identification resources.

Life Skills: Chandra Plate and Cindy Walker

Judging topics will be chosen from any 4-H project life skill, these could include, family consumer science, foods & nutrition, health & Safety, human development, housing, interior design and environmental issues. Junior division will judge 3 classes, intermediates 4 classes and seniors 6 classes.

Photography: Karen Nelson and Photo Action team volunteers

The contest will consist of six classes of photos, a written test, and a problem class. Juniors will only judge the photos. Test questions will come from the 4-H CCS curriculum, the 4-H Guide to digital photography, the national Geographic Ultimate Field guide to Photography (2009) and other photography reference material.

Livestock Skill-a-thon: Tamara Robertson, Laurel Despain and Jenilee Godsey

The contest is designed to provide a framework for youth to learn a variety of topics related to the production and management of beef cattle, meat goats, sheep, and swine. The contest will consist of 6 areas, including: livestock breed identification, equipment identification, wholesale and/or retail meat cut identification, anatomical identification, livestock feedstuff identification, and a written test. Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will complete all 6 areas with increasing difficulty for each age division.

Volunteer and Parent Session will share the updated Kansas 4-H Policy, Club Parent Committees information and a Q& A time for Parents and Volunteers to walk away with resources to Make the Best Better

INSECT ART CONTEST 2025

By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night

WATCH FOR JUDGING
RESULTS
in mid-May on the KSRE
Pesticide Safety and
Integrated Pest
Management Program
Facebook page!



Contest Announcement & Rules



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.

We will select a winner from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries. Artists that have art selected as 1st - 3rd place winners will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Select artwork may be used to create educational items.

- Kindergarten - 2nd grade
- 3rd grade - 5th grade
- 6th grade - 8th grade
- 9th grade - 12th grade
- Adults
- Traditional Illustration: Drawing or painting
- 3-D: canvas, collage, pottery, stained glass, or other media
- Digital Artwork

Rules

- Only one art entry per participant may be entered each year
- A legible, completed entry form must accompany all entries (*use provided entry form*)
- Traditional illustrations must be on 8.5" x 11" flat paper; Digital art must be 8.5" x 11" print size
- Participants may choose to email a jpg or png image of the entry if wanting to keep their original artwork; however, the image must be clear. The file should be named as the artist's name and age level (example: firstname.lastname.agelevel)
- Entries must be the original work of the entrant - no traced or copyright protected images
- Entries must feature an insect as the central point of focus that fits the contest theme
- A legible, completed art label must be attached to original artwork (*use provided art label*)
- **Entries must be postmarked or received by April 15, 2025**

Mail entries to: Frannie Miller
Pesticide Safety and IPM Program
600 West Woodside
McPherson, KS 67460

Or email to: Frannie Miller
Email address: pesticidesafety@ksu.edu
Subject Line: Insect Art Contest Submission

Return of Original Artwork

Participants may pick up their entries at the McPherson County Extension Office during operating hours after June 1, 2025, or elect to pay for mailing materials and postage to have original artwork returned.

INSECT ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM & LABEL

Complete form and send with art entry



Entries will be judged according to their adherence to the contest theme and overall visual impact, originality, artistic skill, and effort level. We are looking for colorful and creative art. Have fun!

ENTRY FORM - FILL OUT & SEND WITH ALL ARTWORK

Artist Information

First Name:

Last Name:

School Grade (write Adult if out of high school): _____

School/4-H Club/Affiliation: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ County: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Artwork Category & Information

Traditional Illustration Digital Art 3-D Artwork: _____

Title and Description of Artwork: _____

Artwork Pickup Information

I do not need the artwork returned I plan to pick up the artwork after June 1st

I will contact you about payment to return the artwork by mail

ART LABEL - FOR ORIGINAL ARTWORK

Artwork Title : _____
Artist Name : _____
School/4-H Club/Affiliation : _____
Grade/Adult : _____
County : _____

Fill out, cut and tape to the back of original artwork, on the lower right side.