



THE CLOVER CONNECTION



The official monthly newsletter of Wyandotte County 4-H

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4-H Motto:

To Make the Best Better!



Wyandotte 4-H t-shirt orders are here!

Place your order before March 16th!!!

Shooting Sports Match Results

The WyCo Shooting Sports team is off to a great start this year! If your 4-Her is interested in learning more about or joining the 4-H Shooting Sports team, reach out to Cyndi Bird at wyco4hshooting@gmail.com. All experience levels are welcome! Check out the result highlights from each of the 2025 county matches.

Jefferson Co Match Highlights:

WyCo 4-Hers earned a total of 17 metals!

Daniella and Ian qualified for BB State.

Ian, Henry, Daniella and Chase qualified for Air Rifle.

Anson earned a 1st year 9-10 years 1st place in the standing category.

Ian shot a personal best in air rifle with a 527

Chase shot a personal best of 521.



Johnson Co Match Highlights:

Air Rifle: The team took first place!

Ian shot a personal best aggregate 534.

Chase shot a personal best 529.

Isaac shot a personal best of 492.

Noah shot a personal best of 484.

BB: Abram qualified for BB State with a 336 which is a personal best.

Anson shot a new personal best of 328.

Air Pistol: The team of Micah and Noah took 3rd place.



Wubaunsee Co Match Highlights:

Air Rifle Team took first place with a score of 2092!

Air Rifle personal bests:

Chase- 537

Isaac- 501

Noah- 490

1st year senior air pistol: Noah received 3rd and Isaac 1st

Isaac shot a personal best 282 and qualified for State.

Noah shot a personal best of 251.



Sedgwick Co Match Highlights:

Air rifle: The team took 1st place.

Michael shot a personal best with 462 and qualified for state.

Henry shot a personal best with a 549 agg.

Daniella also shot a personal best with a 507 agg.

All of the air rifle members qualified for the state match.

BB: Ian shot a personal best agg of 388 with a 100 perfect score in the prone position.

Air Pistol: Micah shot a personal best of 280 and qualified for state.



County Club Day Results

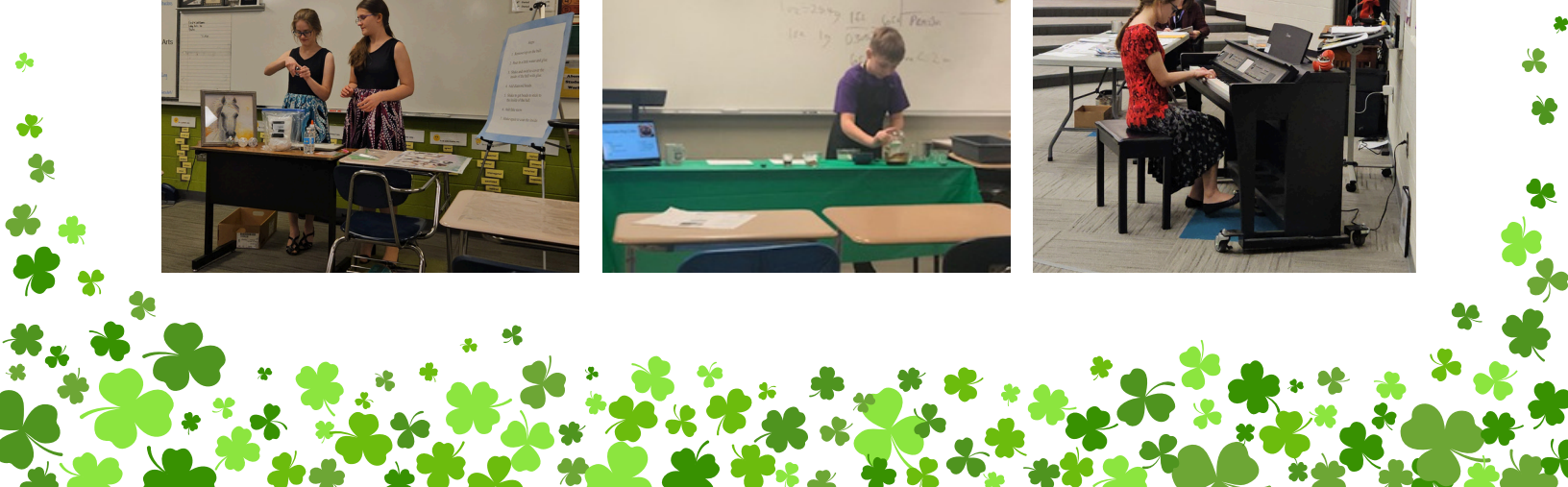
Admit it: the thought of speaking in front of an audience makes your palms sweaty, maybe even your knees buckle. While nervousness speaking in front of a crowd is totally normal, public speaking is a skill that can be learned and practiced. Learning to speak or perform in front of a crowd is one of the many great things the 4-H program has to offer youth members.

4-H County Club Days are held every year in February and allow 4-H youth to practice and showcase their abilities in public speaking. County Club Days also give 4-Hers the opportunity to perform in front of a crowd through instrumental and vocal solos, dance, acting, and mock job interviews, among many other skills. 4-Hers are judged on their performance and receive constructive feedback and a ribbon for their efforts.

This year Wyandotte 4-H partnered with Leavenworth 4-H to put on the County Club Days event. 4-Hers who earned a purple or blue ribbon placing in their category and were selected by the judges are able to advance to the Regional County Club Day. Wyandotte 4-Hers will compete alongside 4-Hers from Douglas, Shawnee, and Johnson counties, and the Extension Districts of Marais des Cygnes District and Frontier District.

Wyandotte 4-H 2025 County Club Days Results:

- Ellie- Project Talk- Blue
- Ellie- Flute Solo- Red
- Anson- Demo/Illustrated Talk-Purple
- Michael- Vocal Solo-Blue
- Ruby- Piano Solo-Blue
- Amber- Piano Solo- Purple
- Amber and Ruby- Dance Team- Purple
- Amber and Ruby- Demo/Illustrated Talk Team-Blue



Horse Panorama Results

Congratulations to the Horse Project members who represented Wyandotte 4-H at the 2025 4-H Horse Panorama!

4-H Horse Panorama is a state level event that takes place in January/February of each year. 4-H members can compete in a variety of horse related events at Horse Panorama including horse bowl, hippology, public speaking, demonstrations, project talks, photography, and design elements like logo, poster, power point, and ad layouts. 4-Hers do not have to own a horse to participate at Horse Panorama.

Results for Abigail S. from the Piper Club:

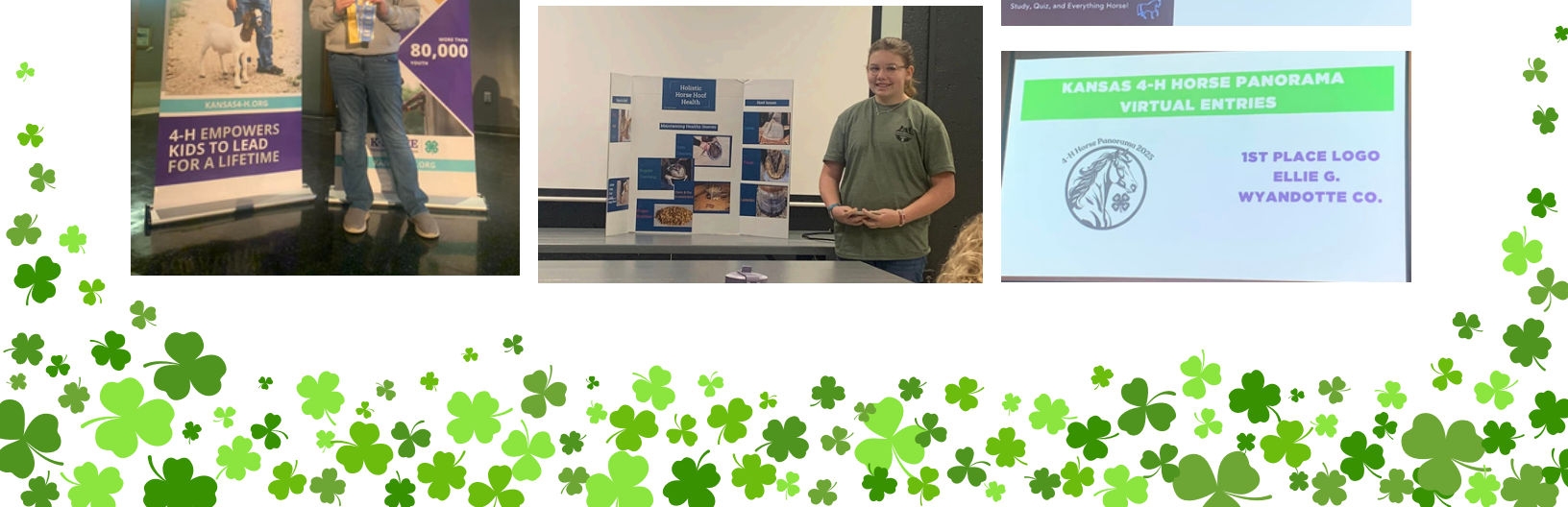
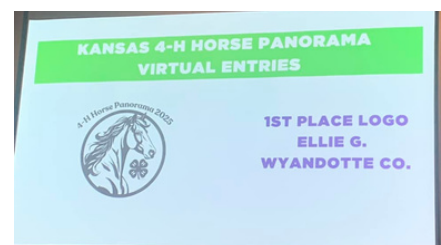
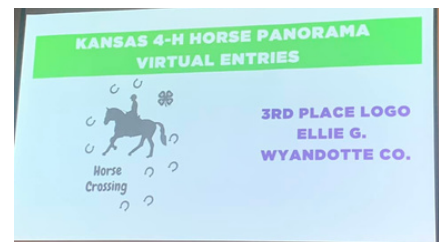
- 2nd place Senior Photography
- 5th place Senior Hippology
- 2nd Place Open Horse Bowl

Results for Ellie G. from the Piper Club:

- 1st Place Ad Layout
- 1st and 3rd place Logo Design
- Blue Ribbon for Project Talk
- Open Hippology Participant
- Open Horse Bowl Participant

Results for Abigail F. from the Blazing Bridles Club

- Open Hippology Participant
- Open Horse Bowl Participant



4-H T-Shirt Pre-Orders

Wyandotte 4-H t-shirt pre-orders are open! This year we have a new design, color, and softer t-shirt material. Place your t-shirt orders from now through **March 16th**. The Extension Office will place the final bulk order after pre-orders close. The shirts will arrive in **early April**. The 4-H agent will notify families when the t-shirts are ready for pick up.

Youth t-shirts XS-XL- \$18
Adult t-shirts XS- 5XL - \$20+
Pre-Order deadline- March 16th

Go to <https://wycoksre.square.site/>
to place your order!



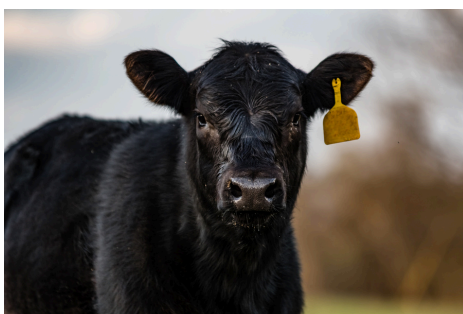
Only use the link included in this newsletter, official 4-H emails, or links that are on K-State branded flyers to order your t-shirts. All other links or offers that do not include the official K-State logo are scams and not associated with the WyCo 4-H program.



Beef Tag-in For County Fair

Beef Tag-In will be held on **March 22 at 9am** at the Wyandotte County Fairgrounds. **Tags are \$4 each**. Please plan to pay for your tags with cash or check.

For more information about tag-in, reach out to the 4-H Beef Project Leader Jessica Cook at 913-523-6769 or JCOOK716@MSN.COM.



Wyandotte County 4-H Horsemanship Clinic

The Wyandotte County 4-H Horsemanship Clinic will be on **Saturday May 10th**. This clinic is open to all youth enrolled in the Wyandotte 4-H program. The clinic will help 4-Hers improve their horsemanship by strengthening communication between horse and rider, develop advanced riding skills, and help with preparation for the county fair classes. Any discipline or style of riding is welcome! Participants will need to provide their own horse and tack. Minimum skill level for this clinic is the ability to safely guide your horse at a walk and trot around other horses in an arena.



The clinic will take place in the Tom Bass Arena at the American Royal facilities. The arena is covered, so the clinic will be held rain or shine!

Appropriate riding pants, boots, and helmets will be required when mounted. No exceptions. 4-Hers without horses are encouraged to observe the clinic.

The clinician is the Atchison County Ag/4-H Agent, Clarissa Conrad-Lierz. Clarissa is the former K-State Horse Judging Team coach, Texas A&M Summer Horsemanship Clinician, and owner of Lierz Ranch & Performance Horses. She has over 20 years of experience and successfully coached youth and amateurs in AQHA, PtHA, and USEF.

There will be a \$15 fee per horse/rider pair.
Pre-registration is required for riding participants.
Limited riding spots available!

When- May 10, 2025 starting at 9am

Where- The American Royal's Tom Bass Arena
1701 American Royal Ct, Kansas City, MO 64102

Sing up link-

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/h4j8azw>



Additional Information:

The American Royal requires proof of current Coggins AND a 30 day health certificate for all horses entering the facilities. American Royal staff may check for these papers at the parking lot entrance.

There will be another equestrian event taking place at the American Royal on May 10th in the Hale Arena. We will be sharing the parking lot with the other event participants.

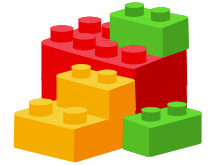


Ignite Your SPARK!

Exploring 4-H projects

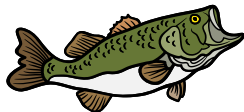


Building Block Engineering (Legos)



Build, play and grow! This project will teach you the fundamentals of engineering, design, and construction through hands-on activities using building blocks (“Legos”). Introduce yourself to the world of building and designing various basic structures and machines. Test the strength, efficiency and accuracy of the project you build. Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering and architecture. Challenge yourself to increase the strength, speed, stability and accuracy or efficiency of your project. The sky is the limit as to what you can create in this project!

- 4-Hers can participate in the 4-H division of Building Block Construction at the county fair by creating a diorama or scene that is at least 6 inches wide and 6 inches deep
- Class options at the county fair range from introductory to advanced levels.
- Cloverbuds can participate in BBE and receive a participation ribbon
- There are also educational display, notebook, or poster options
- Purple ribbon winners at the county fair can advance their BBE project to participate in the Kansas State Fair

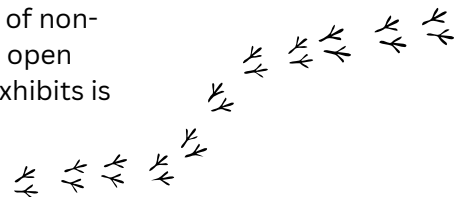


Wildlife Project



This project is for all youth, no matter where they live. Kansas wildlife are an important part of our state heritage and environment, ranging from buffalo to birds to fish to deer and more. In this project you will learn about wildlife behavior, habitat requirements, how wildlife species fit into nature’s scheme, how they are managed, and how they relate to humans. Without wildlife, this world would be very dull! If we learn to take care of the wildlife, it will continue to exist for everyone to enjoy.

- There are many class options for 4-Hers to participate in at the county fair. All wildlife classes are “static” projects, and will be judged and displayed in the Red Barn.
- Classes in the Wildlife 4-H division include- Fish Harvesting Equipment, Build a Fishing Rod, Casting Target, Wildlife Harvesting Equipment, Inventing Wildlife/Fish harvesting equipment, aid or accessory, Tanned Hides, Taxidermy, Wildlife Tracks, Wildlife Knowledge Check, Houses for Wildlife, Feeders/Waterers for Wildlife, Educational Notebook, Promotional Poster, and Educational Displays.
- 4-Hers who earn a purple or blue in the Wildlife division at the county fair can participate at the Kansas State Fair.
- Exhibitors must comply with state and federal laws. It is illegal to possess threatened or endangered wildlife, or the feathers, nests, or eggs of non-game birds. Game birds and game animals taken legally during an open season may be used. The use of live wild animals in educational exhibits is prohibited.



Resources for Beef, Meat Goat, Sheep, and Swine projects

The 4-H Ag Sciences Program Specialist, Kelsey Nordyke, sent out an informational email to families that have 4-Hers enrolled in the beef, meat goat, sheep, and/or swine projects. Below are highlights of the information and links shared in her email. These are excellent resources to help your 4-Her gain more knowledge about their meat animal project. If you are currently enrolled or interested in pursuing a meat animal project, check out these 4-H websites!

The Kansas 4-H Animal Science Projects website is located here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/>. This page includes the links to each Animal Science project site which hold links to helpful information, a list of things you might learn or do in the project, a list of project curricula, project leader resources, and events and activities.

Check out the **Clover Classroom** for project challenges for all of your 4-H projects. In particular, find the **Ruminant Challenge** for an activity to learn about how your specie's digestive system works. Check back later in the spring as the Animal Science Project Partnership Team is in the process of creating additional Project Challenges.

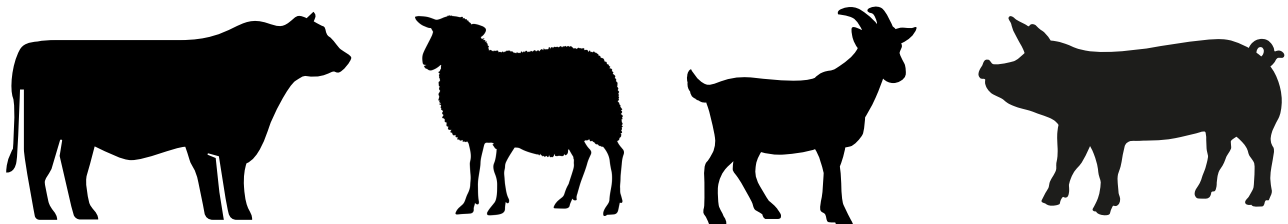
The **Kansas 4-H Animal Science Webinar series** contains recordings of previous Animal Science webinars. You will find timely topics from professionals to inform and educate you about caring for your project. Check back as this will begin to be updated this spring.

Kansas State University's Youth Livestock Program page contains information to educate as well as inform you about ownership and entering state livestock shows (Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show). KSU's Youth Livestock Program is the administrator for the livestock nomination (ownership) process for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Guidance for the nomination process is available here (<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>).

You will also find information about KSU's annual Junior Producer Days on the KSU Youth Livestock site. Junior Producer Days is an opportunity for youth (and parents) to learn about the basics of their project, get hands-on experience and expand beyond basic daily care. Two producer days are held annually in the spring. During even years, attend Junior Beef Producer Day or Junior Sheep Producer Day. During odd years, attend Junior Meat Goat Producer Day or Junior Swine Producer Day. **Previous years' Producer Days materials** are available as well.

If you're interested in taking your livestock project to the next level and participating in a state show, your options are the **Kansas State Fair Grand Drive** and the **Kansas Junior Livestock Show**. Pay careful attention to nomination and entry deadlines. You will need to begin as early as April to order DNA kits and start the nomination process. The KSU Youth Livestock Program houses all nomination information for state shows (<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>).

Consider participating in Livestock Judging, Meat Judging, Quiz Bowl or Skillathon contests. Regional contests are held in various areas of the state as well as the state Livestock Sweepstakes, which is held annually on KSU's campus.



May 1st Project Enrollment Deadline

May 1st is the last day to enroll 4-H members in their projects on 4-H Online for the 24-25 year. Most of the 4-H divisions at the county fair require 4-H members to be enrolled in the corresponding project area. Log on to your 4-H Online account to make sure your 4-Her is enrolled in all of their project areas by **May 1!**

If you have questions about 4-H enrollment, projects, deadlines, or anything 4-H related, please contact the WYCO 4-H Agent Casey Ling at 913-299-9300 or csling@ksu.edu

YQCA Certification

An annual YQCA certification is required for all 4-Hers showing any livestock animal in the 4-H divisions at the Wyandotte County Fair. Livestock animals include all cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats (dairy and meat), sheep, horses, poultry, and rabbits. Cloverbuds (5-7 year olds) are exempt from the YQCA certification requirement.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 8-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year. YQCA certification is good for one year and must be completed annually.

4-H members showing a livestock animal must submit their annual YQCA certification to the 4-H Agent by June 15, 2025.



Go to yqcaprogram.org to complete the course online. The course is designed to give 60 minutes of instruction. There are also in-person certification options available throughout the state.

Save the Date: 4-H Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be held **June 4-6, 2025** at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS.

This college and career readiness event for high school-age youth has been a partnership for more than 100 years between K-State and Kansas 4-H. Students will get to pick the classes, tours, and activities that spark their interests. There will be a Career Opportunity Fair that your highschooler will not want to miss out on!

More information will be available later this year.

4-H Host Families Needed for International Delegates

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? States 4-H and Kansas 4-H has a great opportunity for families this summer to host a new international friend in your home this summer. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for families to host youth from Costa Rica: June 25 – July 19; Japan: July 21 – August 16; Norway: June 25 – July 19; and Taiwan: July 3 – August 2.

Host families are needed to host an international boy or girl. The international youth will be between the ages of 12 - 18. Kansas 4-H's responsibility is to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other. Any Kansas family with children aged 10-19 who are interested in a cultural exchange may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host siblings for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life.

Interested families can complete the application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to start the process. The Japanese Delegates' personal information forms arrive in February.

If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, (785) 826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu or Mary Kay Munson, State Coordinator Costa Rica, Norway, and Taiwan, mkm2@ksu.edu.

4-H Summer Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

Registration for 2025 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch is now open!

4-H Camp has options for 4-Hers ages 7- 17 years old. Camp activities range from archery, swimming, horseback riding, high ropes, canoes, kayaking, ziplines, climbing wall, various shooting sports including BBs, rifles, trap shooting, and more! Many of the buildings and facilities have been recently updated to be more comfortable and modern.



Check out the [Rock Springs Ranch website](#) for more info and to register your 4-Her. Participants do not have to be members of 4-H to attend Rock Springs Ranch Camp. Invite your friends and family!



Have a star 4-Her that deserves recognition?

Have a picture from a project meeting or 4-H event that you would like to share with the community?

Let us know! Email csling@ksu.edu



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