

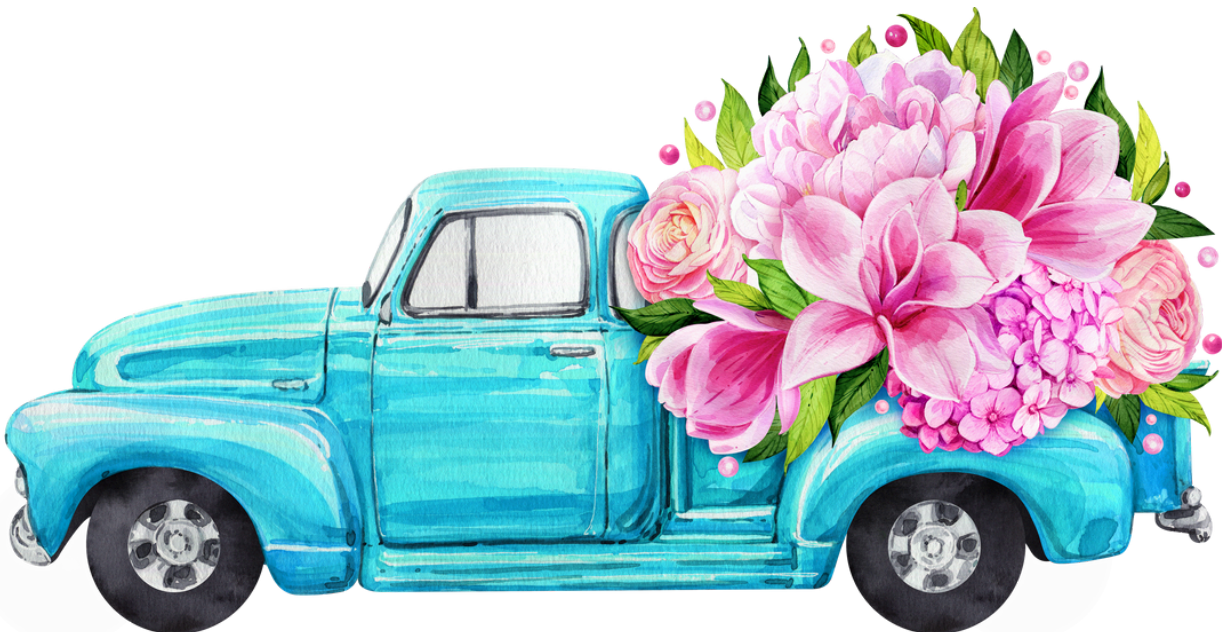
# FEBRUARY 2025

## Highlights:

- ▶ February 2: Beef Tagging & Weigh-In
- ▶ February 23: County Club Day
- ▶ February 25: Fair Book Cover Contest Deadline
- ▶ March 1: Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications Due

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# Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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## Dates to Remember:

- February 2: Beef Tagging & Weigh-in
- February 23: County Club Day
- March 1: Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- March 28: SCEEF Scholarship Application Due

In the event of severe winter weather watch our Facebook page for updates!

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**Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by February 26**

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## A Word From Your Agent...

Hi everyone! I hope you are getting off to a great start on your projects and activities this year. As a reminder, if you are not enrolled in 4-H Online yet you will need to be in order to receive emails and updates from us. You also need to be enrolled both in 4-H and in all of your projects by May 1st in order to exhibit at the fair. If you have already enrolled and would like to add a project, please contact the office. If you are having a hard time with the 4-H Online site, don't hesitate to reach out to the office and we can help you through!

High school Seniors, it is time for scholarship applications to be submitted! If you are submitting an application to Kansas 4-H those are due **March 1st, 2024**, and the application can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>.

Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation is also offering scholarships. You can find due dates and applications here: [https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards\\_and\\_recognition/scholarships/](https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_and_recognition/scholarships/)

Club Day registration is now open! We would love to have you show off your talents on February 23rd from 2-5 pm. The deadline to register is February 19th. If you plan to bring a skit or dance performance, please call us by February 12th. These are smaller categories and it helps to plan for a judge. Sign ups and rules can be found here: [https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/current\\_events/](https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/current_events/)

### Shawnee County GroupMe

Interested in text updates about Shawnee County 4-H activities? Sign up for our new GroupMe:

[https://groupme.com/join\\_group/102815469/5JDLs55L](https://groupme.com/join_group/102815469/5JDLs55L)

Requests to join are subject to approval, and we will only accept enrolled members and their parents/guardians as listed in 4-H Online.

### Ambassador Information

4-Hers who are program age 12 or older and who have been in 4-H for at least 3 years are encouraged to join the group! For email updates, please sign up for the official Ambassador's email list here:

<https://forms.gle/4yTw5tZoGNtzRwwGA>

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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, March 5th - 6:30 pm-8 pm

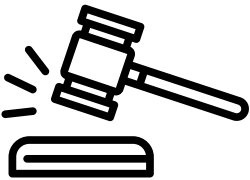
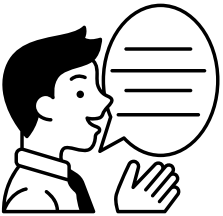
Wednesday, May 7th - 6:30 pm-8 pm

Wednesday, June 4th - 6:30 pm-8 pm

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.

## County Club Day



**February 23, 2025**

**2-5 pm**

**Shawnee Heights Middle School**

**4335 SE Shawnee Heights Rd.**

**Tecumseh, KS 66542**

**Sign up posted soon! Watch your email!**

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## Livestock Corner

### Shawnee County Spring Show

May 10th, 2025

Livestock Building, Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex  
12200 214 Rd, Holton, KS 66436

For show information contact: 4-H Livestock Committee

Telephone: (785) 232-0062 Ext. 120 E-mail: [wienosg@ksu.edu](mailto:wienosg@ksu.edu)

Sponsored by: The Shawnee County 4-H Livestock Committee



Find the flyer, rules, class listings and more at: [https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/4-h\\_livestock/spring\\_show/](https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/4-h_livestock/spring_show/)

### Mark Your Calendars for YQCA

2025 YQCA sessions will be held at the following times:

Tuesday, March 18 at 6 pm

Wednesday, April 23 at 6 pm

Saturday, May 17 at 9 am



### YQCA Launching Scholarship Program in 2025

YQCA will provide \$30,000 in scholarships in 2025 to selected youth certified in YQCA. This scholarship program will be for youth who are current high school seniors or older, up to age 21, pursuing an agriculture degree or trade. Scholarship applications will open in January 2025 and close on February 17th. Recipients will be announced in May.

To stay informed about this scholarship opportunity, make sure you are subscribed to [the YQCA newsletter](#), where we will announce when scholarship applications are open. You can also visit the [YQCA website](#) for more information. Direct questions to [help@yqcaprogram.org](mailto:help@yqcaprogram.org).



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## Scholarship Information




### Kansas 4-H Scholarships Now Open!

Applications are due **MARCH 1st, 2025!** Details for all Kansas 4-H scholarships are available at <https://kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

### Shawnee County Scholarship Information AVAILABLE

Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation and Langley Foster Scholarship applications are now available! Details are posted on the website: [https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards\\_and\\_recognition/scholarships/](https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_and_recognition/scholarships/)

### Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation Scholarship




**Eligibility**

- Current member of a Shawnee County 4-H Club with enrollment totaling three (3) years or more
- 2.5 grade point average (unweighted)
- Graduating high school senior
- Enrolled for 12 or more college semester hours (check will be made out to college on behalf of the student)

**OR**

- Enrolled full-time in a technical institution (check will be made to student upon receipt of tuition/expenses)

Applications due Friday, March 28, 2025!



### Langley Foster 4-H Scholarship



**Eligibility**

- Must have been a member of Shawnee County 4-H for three (3) years or more
- Full-time college student (sophomore, junior, senior) enrolled in 12 or more hours with a 3.0 grade point average (unweighted)
- Current Year state 4-H scholarship winners are excluded

Applications due April 30, 2025!



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## From the Fairboard

### Snowflakes & Clovers

The next Snowflakes & Clovers Fairgrounds Fundraiser will be held on February 15, 2025. We are accepting all donations at this time for the auction. If you have a donation for the auction, please contact Sheri Wehner at 785-224-5529 to arrange for pickup/drop off.



### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help on committees, you do not have to be a fairboard member to help out. If you are interested in joining this team, please reach out to the fairboard via email [shawneecofairboard@gmail.com](mailto:shawneecofairboard@gmail.com).

### 2025 Fair Book Cover Contest

The Shawnee County Fair Board is happy to announce the youth 2025 Fair book Cover Contest! The 2025 Shawnee County Fair theme is: Barnyard Bash at the Shawnee County Fair. Below are the rules for entries for the Cover Contest.

#### THE RULES:

- Must be on 8 1/2 x 11 paper (Must be done in Portrait Orientation NOT Landscape orientation)
- Design must be in black and white, do not use color
- Art can be hand drawn or computer generated, but must be original
- Must include the dates of the County Fair; July 20– County Fair Horse Show, July 24-27– County Fair
- Must mention Open Class
- Must include the theme of the fair (Barnyard Bash at the Shawnee County Fair).
- Put your name, phone number and Club on the BACK SIDE of the entry.
- Entries are due to the Extension Office by February 25th, turned into the extension office by 5pm. They can be scanned and e-mailed to [wiensg@ksu.edu](mailto:wiensg@ksu.edu) AND [lsatter@ksu.edu](mailto:lsatter@ksu.edu). If selected we will need the original artwork to make into the cover.

There will be a \$50 cash prize for the cover chosen to be on the front of the Fair Book! The runner up will have their artwork printed inside the fair book and will win a \$25 cash prize.

Can't wait to see what our youth come up with!



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## State News



**CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS**

- Kansas and Oklahoma will be traveling together
- WHEN: June 18 - 28th, 2025
- COST: \$2500
- Formal Sign-up will be out in early February - Spots are limited
- Email [Kansas4H@ksu.edu](mailto:Kansas4H@ksu.edu) with any questions



### Citizenship Washington Focus

More information is available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-washington-focus/index.html>

### Horse Panorama

When: February 22-23, 2025

Registration: Early Bird closes February 3, ALL registration closes February 7

Where: Rock Springs

Who: 4-H Members ages 9-18 and adult volunteers.

Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse Project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography and educational posters.

Watch <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html> for more details!

### State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html>



**STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST**  
**HELD WITH EQUIFEST OF KANSAS**  
**SALINE COUNTY EXPO CENTER : MARCH 21, 2025**

Registration due March 7th

- \$25/4-H Contest Entry
- \$15/Open Entry
- Optional \$10 Lunch Ticket

Registration - 7:45am  
Rules Meeting - 8:15am  
Contest Start - 8:30am  
Awards to Follow

Additional Information: Kelsey Nordyke  
[knordyke@ksu.edu](mailto:knordyke@ksu.edu)

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## 2025 Willie and the Beanstalk Contest

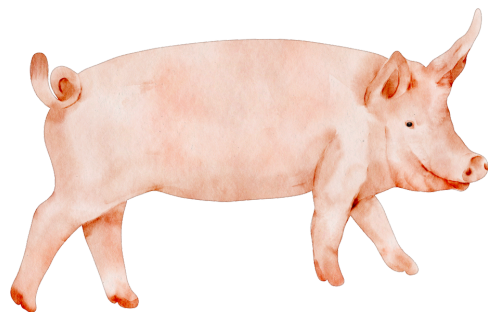
The contest is to see who can grow the biggest soybean plant in a 40-day period. Judging will take place on April 12th, 2025. Entries can be judged in-person at the K-State Manhattan campus as part of the 2025 K-State Open House activities or advisers can choose remote judging. All contestants will receive a free T-shirt and there will be plaques and certificates for the winning teams.



Youth who can attend the 2025 Open House will be able to participate in the scoring of their plants and meet with Faculty and students in the Agronomy Department. However, we recognize that this is a busy time of year so we have an option for advisers and contestants to score the plants on their own and upload the results (which worked well last year).

Additional information is available on the contest web site at <http://beanstalk.agronomy.ksu.edu>

## K-State Junior Producer Days 2025



Swine: March 1, 2025  
Registration closes February 5  
Limited to first 400 participants

Meat Goat: March 22, 2025  
Registration closes February 26  
Limited to first 400 participants



Find more information for both events at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>



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## Club Chatter

### Bunny Bunch

There was no meeting in January for Bunny Bunch due to the bad weather. But we were still able to have the 4-H rabbit show and clinics in Manhattan January 18th. There was a lot of fun and learning going on. 172 rabbits were entered and 46 youth exhibitors. Our next meeting will be 7pm February 3rd at the extension office. Our club meetings are the first Monday of each month at 7pm. We hope to see you there.

-Brooklynn Powell



### Silver Lake

The Silver Lake 4-H Club participated in the January Jamboree at Countryside UMC. Alissa and Clara Thomas helped several people make bookmarks and had lots of fun creating other crafts with friends and other 4-H members at the event.

At the Silver Lake 4-H meeting on January 12, 2025 at 2 pm at Silver Lake United Methodist Church we discussed upcoming activities at our monthly meeting.

- Clara Thomas



### Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers 4-H Club met December 15, 2024, at Citizen Potawatomi Community Building. Prior to the meeting the club sang Christmas carols to residents of Oakley Place of Rossville. At the conclusion of the meeting the members wrapped gifts they purchased for their adopted family. The Club will hold their next meeting Monday, February 17, 2025.





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## Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

### February 2025

- 2 Beef Weigh-in & Tagging, Gleason's, 1-3 pm
- 3 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 6 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6:30 pm
  - 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 13 Sport Fishing, EMR 6 pm
  - 4-H Events Council, Zoom, 7 pm
- 16-17 Citizenship In Action (CIA), Topeka
- 18 Geology, Stoffer Hall at Washburn, 7 pm
- 19 Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 23 County Club Day, SHMS 2 pm-5 pm**
- 24 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 25 Fair Book Cover Contest Deadline, 5 pm
  - Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Chatterbox Submissions Due**
- 27 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

### March 2025

- 1 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications Deadline
- 3 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 5 Robotics/Coding Project Meeting, EMR, 6:30 pm
- 6 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6:30 pm
  - 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 11 Geology, Stoffer Hall at Washburn, 7 pm
- 13 Sport Fishing, EMR, 6 pm
  - Archery Info Meeting, EMR, 7: 30 pm
- 18 YQCA Training, EMR, 6 pm
- 19 Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:15 pm
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