

Harvey County 4-H Happenings

# The Informer

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We have had a pretty good two months. September and October were jam packed with all sorts of fun and good things that happened.

We had lots of State Fair entries and everyone did amazing! It was exciting to go to the fair and look around at all the amazing exhibits. I even was a judge this year for Shopping in Style! Then we jumped into October and had all the fun with National 4-H Week. I hope you follow our Extension Facebook page because lots of highlights about alumni, current 4-Hers, supporters and volunteers were happening there. We also had a great Recognition Night handing out over 40 awards to well deserving individuals. It was a great night of fun and recognition.

As we lean into the Holiday Season, this is the perfect time to get started on Record Books. Which I know is not on the top of your mind, but setting goals for what you want to learn this coming year is what you should be doing during this season.

Here in the office, we are getting ready for a few events and programs, but mostly we are preparing for next year with our own goals. We have some big projects on our list of to do's. The first one is a Volunteer Resource Guide for families to be able to find help with certain projects or topics. We are still in the early stages of putting this together, but look for a survey to come out here soon. I will be asking for your help in making this a success. The other project we are working on, is updating the 4-H side of the fair book to make it more user friendly. My hope is to be able to have clickable links to the evaluations judges will use and to any other important details a project might require to be entered. I also hope to have it split into sections by projects to make it even easier to read and find what you are looking for.

As usual if you have any questions or need any help please reach out! We are more than happy to help!

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# County Wide News

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING

If your child is interested in livestock judging make sure to select the livestock judging project in 4-H online when you enroll to keep up to date with practices/competitions!



4-H Recognition Night was held October 12th! We had a great turnout and loved being able to recognize all of our hardworking youth and volunteers!



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Multi-County 4-H Club Day**  
**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

More information will be sent out later.

For now, start preparing your presentations.

Check out our website for resources and details:

[4-H Club Days](#)

# Harvey County 4-H Ambassadors

Our Ambassador program is getting started for the new year. This is a group of 4-Hers, 13 years of age and older, who participate in leadership skill building, community service, fundraising, fellowship, and much more! Their main duties are helping at County Wide events, helping during Fair, adopting a family from the Angel Tree, Taste of Newton, and attending a majority of the meetings.



If you have a 4-Her interested in joining, reach out to Anne at [aelpers@ksu.edu](mailto:aelpers@ksu.edu) to get on her list. The next meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup> but will not operate like normal, so please reach out to Anne if you are interested in joining.

Find the application and the roles and responsibilities of an ambassador here: [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8v1hGTF2rmWhhFc](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8v1hGTF2rmWhhFc)

## 2024-2025 Schedule:

- December 5, 6:00 PM – Service Project
- February 27, 6:00 PM @ 4-H Building – Skill Building
- February 22 – Multi County Club Day
- March 27, 6:00 PM @ 4-H Building – Skill Building
- March 29 – Spring Beef Show
- April 24 6:00 PM @ 4-H Building – Skill Building
- May TBD – Spring Sheep and Goat Show
- May 22, 6:00 PM @ 4-H Building – Skill Building
- June/July TBD – Day Camp
- June 26, 6:00 PM @ 4-H Building – Skill Building
- August – Fair
- September 25, 6:00 PM @ 4-H Building – Evaluation
- October TBA – Taste of Newton
- October TBD – 4-H Recognition Night



# HARVEY COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

This year Harvey County 4-H will be offering Shooting Sports as a 4-H project. This project will work with youth on safe and responsible use of guns and the fundamentals of shooting sports. There will be competition opportunities.

## **Disciplines Offered:**

**BB Gun**

**Air Rifle**

**Air Pistol**

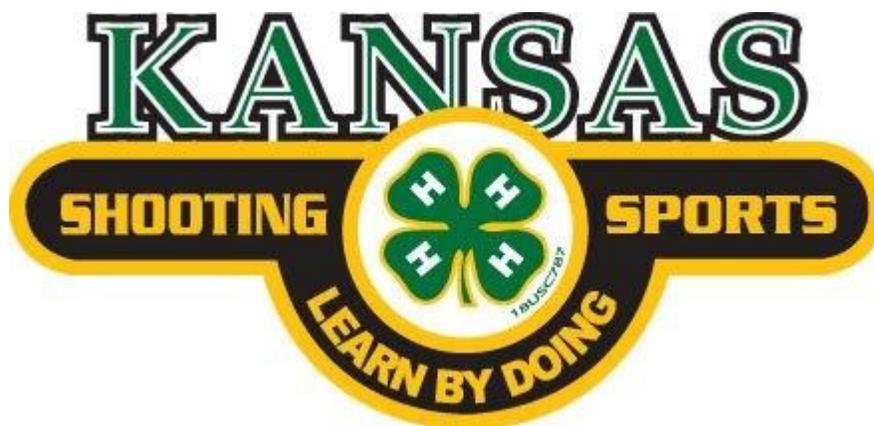
**Small Bore Rifle**

Youth must be at least 8 years old by January 1, 2025 to start.  
Each discipline has minimum age requirements or other prerequisites.  
4-H youth must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Be sure to enroll in Shooting Sports on 4-H Online right away so you are included in future information concerning meetings/practices.

Details about the informational meeting will be announced soon.

Harvey County Shooting Sports Coordinator: Justin Schrag, 620-386-4559  
Harvey County Shooting Sports Instructors/Coaches: Justin Schrag & David Becker



# 2023/2024 KANSAS 4-H PROJECTS



Beef  
Dairy Cattle  
Dairy Goats  
Dog  
Horse  
Meat Goats  
Pets  
Poultry  
Rabbits  
Sheep  
Swine  
Veterinary Science

Communications  
Performing Arts  
Photography  
Visual Arts

Sewing & Textile Design  
Shopping in Style  
Family Studies  
Fiber Arts  
Foods & Nutrition  
Health & Wellness  
Interior Design & Architecture

Environmental Science  
Geology  
Shooting Sports  
Wildlife

Civic Engagement  
Leadership  
Reading Adventures  
Self-Determined

Entomology  
Agronomy  
Forestry  
Horticulture & Landscape Design

Ag Mechanics Welding  
Building Block Engineering  
Astronomy  
Computer Science  
Electric & Renewable Energy  
Robotics  
Aerospace/Rocketry  
Small Engines  
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems  
Woodworking



## PREVIOUS PROJECT LISTING

Beef  
Dairy, Cattle  
Dairy, Goats  
Dog Care & Training  
Horse  
Meat Goats  
Pets (including Cats)  
Poultry  
Rabbits  
Sheep  
Swine  
Veterinary Science

Communications  
Performing Arts  
Photography  
Visual Arts

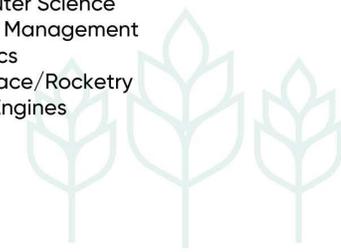
Clothing & Textiles- Construction  
Clothing & Textiles- Buymanship  
Family Studies  
Fiber Arts  
Foods & Nutrition  
Health & Wellness  
Home Environment

Environment Science  
Geology  
Shooting Sports  
Wildlife

Citizenship (Civic Engagement)  
Leadership  
Reading  
Self-Determined

Entomology  
Plant Science  
Plant Science- Field Crops  
Plant Science- Forestry  
Plant Science- Horticulture

STEM - Ag Mechanics  
STEM - Architectural Block Construction  
STEM - Astronomy  
STEM - Computer Science  
STEM - Energy Management  
STEM - Robotics  
STEM- Aerospace/Rocketry  
STEM - Small Engines  
STEM - UAS  
Woodworking





# Setting 4-H Project Goals

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Now that you have selected your 4-H projects for the year, it is important to plan out what you would like to learn and accomplish. What new skills would you like to gain? Who is going to help you along the way? Setting measurable goals will help guide you through positive 4-H project learning experiences.

## WHAT IS A GOAL?

A GOAL is . . . Deciding what you want do and learn in a 4-H project.  
A road map. It helps you get where you want to go.

Your goals should have three parts that will allow you to measure and check your progress. The three parts of a good goal, include:

1. **ACTION** — How are you going to do something.
2. **RESULT** — What are you going to do. Be specific!
3. **TIMETABLE** — When are you going to do it.

This worksheet is designed to help you set your 4-H project goals. Below are some examples of well-written goals:

Action	Result	Timetable	Who Will Help Me
I want to learn	about my bucket calf's nutritional needs	before county weigh-in.	Dad
I want to make	three nutritious snacks for the nursing home residents	by our June club meeting.	my project leader
I want to learn	about the aerodynamics of my rocket	before the spring launch.	Mom
I want to lead	a horse project meeting	by February.	my extension agent
I want to keep	accurate records of my photography project experiences and expenses	monthly.	my project leader & parents

CONTROL TEST: Do your goals pass the control test? Do you have control over all parts of what happens? If you can answer "yes," then you are ready to begin record keeping. For example, "I want to win grand champion with my cookies at the county fair," does not pass the control test. A 4-H member doesn't have control over ribbon placing.

Now it is your turn. Practice writing three goals that you would like to accomplish this 4-H year. If you need help, ask an adult to assist.

Action	Result	Timetable	Who Will Help Me
I want to . . .			
I want to . . .			
I want to . . .			

Time to begin. In the spaces provided on the next page, set your goals for each project you are enrolled in this year. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Please keep in mind that younger 4-H members will have fewer, less complex goals than older, more advanced 4-H members. A good rule of thumb is three to five goals per project for ages 7 to 10, four to eight goals per project for ages 11 to 13, and seven to 12 goals per project for ages 14 to 18.

**PROJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **4-H Member Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years in Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Action, Timetable, Result	Who Will Help Me
Goal #1		
Goal #2		
Goal #3		
Goal #4		
Goal #5		

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# 4-H Volunteer News

When you believe in the power of young people, it is important to stay up to date with theories, resources, policies, and much more. Staying up to date with the “hip” things these days takes a lot of work. Hopefully this part in the newsletter will help with keeping you up to date. ---Anne

## CELEBRATE!

It is the end of the year and that means it is time to celebrate! Celebrating members is important concept in keeping membership thriving. Celebration can be as small as an acknowledgment of showing up to as big as a certificate for accomplishing something. Celebration is letting the individual know that you see them and you see all the hard work they have done. Don't forget to include celebration in the last few 4-H meetings you are having before the year is over! AND don't forget to celebrate the parents within your group. Without them the kids would not have the mode of transportation to the event or the guidance before/after the event.

I also want to take the time to celebrate YOU, the volunteer. We could not do the work we do in Harvey County without your dedication. We would not be able to have the program we have without your hard work. YOU make the work easier and YOU make our amazing program. So Thank You, for your time, dedication, hard work, sweet, and possible tears that you have given back to this program.

### **VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION**

Volunteers for 4-H need to register on 4-H Online.

Previously screened 4-H Volunteers are required to renew on 4-H Online each year.

If you have any questions, please email Marcia at [marciajo@ksu.edu](mailto:marciajo@ksu.edu).

To register or renew go to: [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com)

To find volunteer resources go to: [Leaders and Volunteers](#)

\*Please register by December 31

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# 4-H Parent Corner

As a parent, you want to make sure your child is getting the best experience they can get. Well, I can assure you that you are in the right spot. Kansas 4-H just completed a survey of youth, asking questions that followed up on research known as the Thriving Model. Here is a bit of what the results said.

Youth reported that they are experiencing high-quality learning environments, they reported Belonging as the highest rated component in this learning environments. They also reported high numbers of being Challenged and have Caring Adults that work with them.

When we look at the Thriving Indicators (based on the research) youth in Kansas 4-H reported that Goal Setting and Openness to Challenge and Discovery were the highest skill they have learned, and the outcomes from being in 4-H, they reported, are a more willingness to Contribute to Others.

Meaning, that Kansas 4-H, and 4-H in general, is providing great learning environments where kids can set goals, fail at those goals or achieve them and all in a safe environment. It means that youth are working with caring adults, that are not their parents, and learning skills that will set them up for a lifetime of success. It means that 4-Hers are more willing to give back to their communities and see it as their responsibility to do so.

Essentially it proves that by having your kid involved in 4-H, no matter the level or participation, your kid should have life skills for when they are young adults and into adulthood. I am glad to hear that as a parent myself. As a professional in this role, I am glad to see that my work is setting up the next generation for success and I am glad that you chose 4-H!

# State & Other News

## CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS CLIMBERS FLIPPERS & BUG CATCHERS!

Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch is once again expanding to involve more opportunities for youth. 4-H Camp will be open to all youth ages 6-18. Camp options include traditional overnight camp with 3-night and 5-night options, a 2-night Mini Camp for younger kiddos, Leaders in Training (LIT) and Counselors in Training (CIT) for high school aged youth, Family Camp, and a few new Specialty Camps will be announced soon. For more details, go to [rockspringranch4hcamp.org](http://rockspringranch4hcamp.org).

Youth can register for any session of interest. 4-H membership is not required to attend camp. Registration and payment will take place directly with Rock Springs Ranch at [rockspringranch4hcamp.org](http://rockspringranch4hcamp.org). Registration opens on November 15. It is recommended to register early, as camp sessions will fill on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Harvey County 4-H Development Fund has set up to help pay for part of camp at Rock Spring Ranch. Any registered Harvey County 4-H youth can use coupon code **HVCO4-H25** for \$100 toward the cost of camp.

## Event Scholarship Opportunity

Attending a Sate 4-H event and want support paying for this event?  
Then apply for a Harvey County 4-H Development Fund Event Scholarship.

It is a simple two question process.  
Turn it into the office once completed.

To find the application use this link:  
[Records and Forms \(k-state.edu\)](http://k-state.edu/Records%20and%20Forms)

**Saturday, January 4, 2025, 4:00 PM**

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# Kansas 4-H Day with K-State Women's Basketball

**Opponent: Texas Tech Red Raiders**

**\$25: Ticket, Voucher (\$10 Concessions), & Shirt**

**\$15: Ticket & Voucher (\$10 Concessions)**



## How to Get Tickets?

- Register! Use the QR Code or the link below!
- Pick up ticket packages - Location TBA closer to event. (1/4/2024) 2:30pm - 3:30pm
- Doors open for the general public (1/04/2024, 3:00pm)
- Tip-off! (1/04/24, 4:00 pm)



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**Online registration for this event will be due December 13, 2024. No paper registrations will be accepted. To register, go to:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/4HDaywiththeCats2025>**

# Save the Date!

## 2025 K-State Junior Producer Days



*Swine - March 1*



*Goat - March 22*



### 2025 K-State Junior Producer Days

Since next spring will be an odd year, K-State will be hosting a swine and meat goat day. These events will be hosted at the Stanley Stout Center, which is north of the main campus in Manhattan near the animal science units. Flyers with the tentative program for each day, as well as registration information, will be distributed in the next couple of weeks.

**Junior Swine Producer Day – Saturday, March 1**

**Junior Meat Goat Producer Day – Saturday, March 22**

The K-State Junior Producer Days are one-day educational programs through which youth, parents, extension professionals, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers learn about the selection and management of youth livestock projects. A variety of sessions from selection to nutrition, reproduction, and showmanship are provided by faculty, staff, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited to attend!

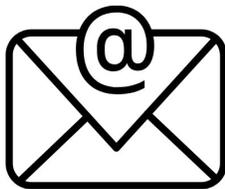
## Upcoming 4-H Dates

November 9	9 AM - 11 AM	Leadership Lab in the Basement of the Courthouse
December 5	6 PM	Ambassador Service Project & Meeting
December 19	6 PM	4-H Council Meeting & Dinner in the Basement of the Courthouse
February 22		Multi-County Club Day
March 1		Beef Weigh Day - More details to come.
March 29		Spring Beef Show
May 2		Small Animal Tagging - More details to come.

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