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COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES

As you begin to prepare for County 4-H Club Day remember to check out the great resources for project talks, illustrated talks, demonstrations, and public speaking on the 4-H Communications Project Page—[Communications | Personal Development | Projects | Kansas 4-H Youth Development](#) Those qualifying can take their project talks, illustrated talks, demonstrations, public speaking, and poetry entries to the Kansas State Fair.

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS and VANIER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Due March 1. The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Family Scholarship application process is now open. Scholarships are available to current high school seniors and undergraduate students. There are several scholarships that graduate and professional students are eligible for. For more information about the application process and to apply follow this link [Scholarships | Awards and Recognition | Resources | Kansas 4-H Youth Development](#)

INTERIOR DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE PROJECT MEETINGS

A complete revision with new project materials and state fair classes that better align with design thought processes and learning activities. Plan to join the virtual project meetings on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. Join here—<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/98394057717> In person project experiences will be held April 12 at K-State Open House; Interior Architecture Department in Seaton Hall and at 4-H Discovery Days.

STATE HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

March 21 at the Saline County Expo Center. 4-H members age 9-18 are invited to compete in the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest and the Open Horse Judging Contest. An open novice (non-reasons) division is also available for youth age 7-18 sponsored by the KQHA. Registration is open at the [EquiFest of Kansas website](#) and is due March 7. Complete 4-H division information and rules are available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html>

INSECT ART CONTEST

Entries are due April 15. The contest is open to all ages and skill levels. This year, the theme is “By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night.” The goal is to explore why and how insects are active or inactive at night, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Art may be a drawing or painting, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass or other media. For more information visit—[Learning and Resources](#)

SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING

April 26 at the K-State Polytechnic Campus in Salina. The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles. Sessions will 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. Registration is due April 15.

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HOST EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Making memories is what it's all about with host families. Youth from Costa Rica, Norway, Taiwan, and Japan will be coming this summer. There's an opportunity to host them. Learn more about the program here—[Global Citizenship](#)

LOCAL 4-H NEWS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Phillips County 4-H Council—March 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Phillips County Annex Meeting Room
Rooks County 4-H Council — March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building
4-H Junior Leaders—April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building
Rooks County 4-H Livestock Committee—July 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sutor-Blauer Arena

SHOOTING SPORTS

Practices will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building on the following dates—March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Members wanting to participate must be enrolled in 4-H. Enroll here: [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](#)

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

Required for youth planning to sell livestock in the Rooks County Free Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale, livestock exhibitors at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Trainings will be available on March 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building, March 31 at 5:30 pm. at the Phillips County Annex Meeting Room, and April 14 at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building. All livestock must be tagged and turned into the Phillips-Rooks Extension District by May 1 to be eligible for the Phillips County Fair and Rooks County Free Fair.

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



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COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAY

Youth can participate in Project Talks, Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Model Meetings, Vocal Ensemble, Vocal Chorus, Instrumental Ensemble, Band/Orchestra, Vocal Solo, Instrumental Solo, Dance, Square Dance, Other Dance, Reading, Skit/Creative Dramatics, and Other Talent. Those selected as top blue at County 4-H Club Day will advance to Regional 4-H Club Day and also have the opportunity to participate at the Kansas State Fair.

Guidelines can be found here: [Phillips County 4-H - Wakelet](#) and [Rooks County 4-H - Wakelet](#)

Phillips County—March 24 at 5:00 p.m. at Phillipsburg Middle School, please register by March 7 at noon. Register here—[2025 Phillips County 4-H Club Day Registration](#)

Rooks County—March 24 at 5:00 p.m. at the Stockton High School, please register by calling the Phillips-Rooks District Extension Office by March 14 at noon.

Regional 4-H Day—March 28 at 5:00 p.m. at the North Oak Community Church in Hays, please register by calling the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office by March 26.

ASSISTANTS TO FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

Any 4-Her interested in being an Assistant to the Superintendents at the Fair please call the Phillips-Rooks District Extension Offices and specify which division you would be interested in by March 15.

PHILLIPS COUNTY 4-H CARNIVAL

March 29 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Phillips County Fair Building. All 4-H Clubs should turn in their planned carnival games/activities by March 14 at noon.

ROOKS COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK TAGGING

March 29—Market Beef Tagging from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Central Veterinary Services, 1981 US-24, Stockton; please contact the Phillips-Rooks Extension District in advance to help us prepare tags and billing, 785-425-6851 or jreichar@ksu.edu

April 6—Small Animal Tagging (Goats, Sheep and Swine) from 9:00 a.m. until finished at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, please contact the Phillips-Rooks Extension District in advance to help us prepare tags and billing, 785-425-6851 or jreichar@ksu.edu

If those dates don't work, families must make arrangements with the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office for tagging prior to May 1 and bring their animals to Stockton. Animals nominated for state shows must follow date requirements for those shows. If your animal already has an eID tag in its' ear, please do not remove that tag; it's against the law. A non-eID tag will be used as the 4-H tag.





Conversation Skills Building



Hosted by: Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders

RSVP by March 7 at noon
Please call 785-425-6851

Sunday, March 9 at 4:00 p.m.
Rooks County Fairgrounds,
4-H Building

All 4-Hers are invited to learn how to be an effective communicator and bring your County 4-H Club Day presentations to practice if you'd like!



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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



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FOOD SERVED: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
GAMES: 5:30 - 7:30 PM
SATURDAY MARCH 29, 2025

**PHILLIPS COUNTY
FAIR ASSOCIATION
PANCAKE FEED & 4-H CARNIVAL
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR BUILDING
1481 HWY 183, PHILLIPSBURG, KS



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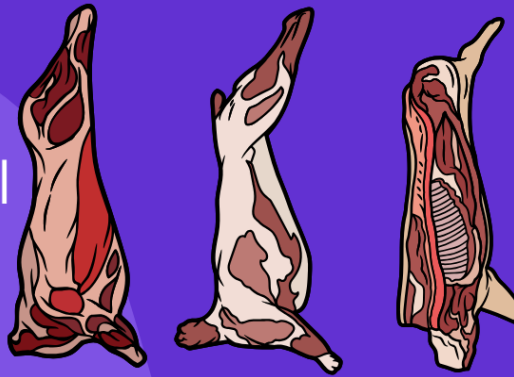
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REGISTRATION
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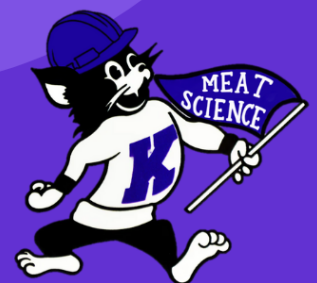
INVITATIONAL MEAT JUDGING CONTEST

APRIL 5, 2025

REGISTRATION LINK ON
JUDGINGCARD.COM

QUESTIONS TO ERIN BEYER
ERBEYER@KSU.EDU

- 6 CLASSES, 2 SETS OF QUESTIONS, AND 40 RETAIL ID
- MEAT LAB AT WEBER HALL
- REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:00AM
- CONTEST BEGINS AT 8:00AM
- EDUCATIONAL WALK THROUGH AFTER CONTEST
- PRIZES FOR TOP 10 AND HIGH TEAM



Safe Tractor & Machinery Operation Training

This program is a collaboration with K-State Research and Extension Districts: Post Rock, Midway, Cottonwood, CKD, and River Valley.

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) is designed for 14- and 15-year-olds seeking employment in production agriculture.

Core content areas include:

- Safety basics, Agricultural hazards, Tractors, Connecting and using implements, Materials handling, and more.

Students are certified after successfully passing a 50-question test at the training and doing both an operating skills test and a driving test administered by the employer.

2025 Course Dates, Locations, & Contact Info

April 5th – Ellsworth, KS

Carrico Implement

Craig Dinkel: cadinkel@ksu.edu or 785-472-4442

April 26th – Beloit, KS

Carrico Implement

Blaire Todd: blairet@ksu.edu or 785-738-3597

May 10th – Washington, KS

Bruna Implement Company

Luke Byers: lsbyers@ksu.edu or 785-632-5335

May 22nd – Solomon, KS

KanEquip, Inc.

Justine Johns: jwh04@ksu.edu or 785-392-2147

Scan to register!



SIGN UP: Visit

<https://bit.ly/tractorsafety2025>, scan QR code,
or call an agent listed below!

MANUAL COST: \$15 – Pick up at your local
Extension Office

BRING: Your course manual and enrollment
form. Pay and pick up your course manual at
your local Extension Office. Please pick up
your manual at least 4 days **PRIOR** to the
course.



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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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Integrated Pest Management
and Pesticide Safety Education

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4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

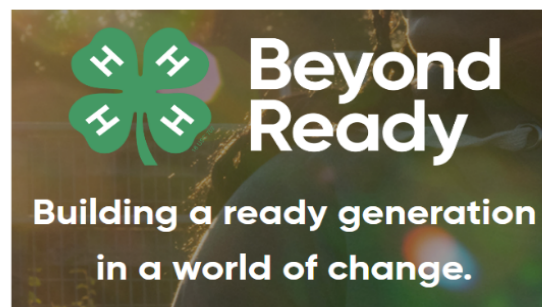
- 1 State 4-H Scholarships and Vanier Family Scholarship Deadline
- 1 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day
- 7 Phillips County 4-H Club Day Registration Deadline
- 7 Conversation Skills Building Registration Deadline
- 9 Conversation Skills Building
- 10 YQCA - Stockton
- 10 Rooks County 4-H Council
- 12 Interior Design & Architecture Project Meeting
- 14 Rooks County 4-H Club Day Registration Deadline
- 21 State Horse Judging Contest
- 22 K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
- 22 Super Saturday
- 24 Phillips County 4-H Club Day
- 24 Rooks County 4-H Club Day
- 25 Phillips County Progressive Agriculture Safety Day
- 26 Rooks County Progressive Agriculture Safety Day
- 29 Rooks County 4-H/FFA Beef Tagging
- 29 Phillips County 4-H Carnival
- 31 YQCA - Phillipsburg
- 31 Phillips County 4-H Council

April

- 5 K-State Invitational Meat Judging Contest
- 6 Rooks County 4-H/FFA Small Animal Tagging
- 14 YQCA - Stockton
- 14 Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders
- 15 Insect Art Contest Deadline
- 19-24 National 4-H Conference
- 26 Hazardous Occupation Safety Training in Agriculture
- 26 Spring Into Volunteering

May

- 1 Horse Identification Certificate Deadline
- 1 Livestock Possession and Tagging Deadline
- 1 Add/Drop Projects in 4-H Online Deadline
- 12 Rooks County 4-H Council



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