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4-H UPDATE

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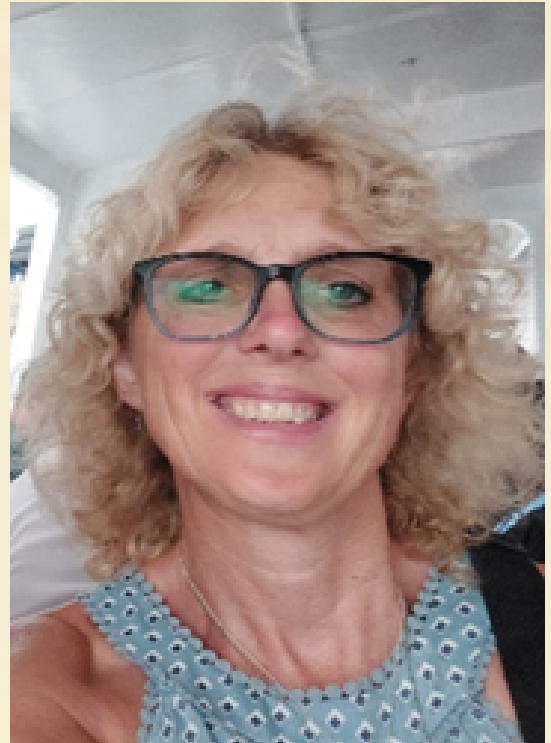
UPCOMING EVENTS

December 27	Wichita Thunder, see page 3
December 25 - January 2	Office Closed for Holidays
Janaury 14	YQCA class - 7:00 pm., Extension Education Center
Jnaury 17	SE Regional Record Book Judging, Fredonia
Janaury 20	4-H Dog Project Information Meeting, 7:00 pm, Bison Rm, Extension Education Center





*From the Desk of.....
Stephanie Hays*



Happy Holidays, 4-H Families!

I hope you've had a chance to follow our Sedgwick County 4-H Facebook page. We regularly share updates featuring alumni, current 4-H members, volunteers, supporters, and upcoming events that may be of interest to you.

November was an exciting and productive month for the 4-H office. We wrapped up another successful year with a memorable Awards Ceremony, where we proudly presented over 100 awards to deserving individuals. It was a wonderful evening celebrating accomplishments and fostering community spirit.

As we transition into the Holiday Season, now is the perfect time to start working on Record Books. With the 2024-2025 program year well underway, I encourage you to begin setting goals and planning how to achieve them. If your club would like assistance with record book completion, I'd be happy to visit and guide you through the process. Record books are an invaluable tool for personal development, and I'm eager to help members see their benefits.

At the 4-H office, we're also busy setting our goals and preparing for the year ahead. Key priorities include organizing upcoming events like 4-H Days, judging contests, the county fair, and other activities. One of our major projects this year is redesigning the county fair to ensure families can enjoy the exhibits with less stress. We're in the early planning stages, so keep an eye out for a survey coming your way soon. Your input will be essential in shaping this initiative's success.

As always, if you have any questions or need support, don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help and look forward to an amazing year ahead with our 4-H community!



Let's go show off Sedgwick County 4-H!!!

Please help me celebrate our Sedgwick County 4-H families! Join us at the Wichita Thunder Game on December 27th at 7:00 PM.

4-H youth will have an opportunity to showcase some of your projects in the concourse. Please let me know ASAP if your club would like to have a table.

All 4-H members will be invited to walk on the ice at half time and be recognized.

All tickets need to be purchased through the following link.

<https://fevo-nterprise.com/event/Sedgwickcounty3>





All Livestock 4-H and FFA members have to participate in a YQCA program before being allowed to show at 4-H events this year.

Instructor-Led classes are scheduled at the Extension office (7001 W 21st St N Wichita, KS 67205) at 7:00 PM on January 14th, February 11th, or March 11th. You only need to attend one class. The cost for the instructor-led class is \$3.00.

On-Line classes can be found at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and the cost is \$12.00. If you take an online class, please print your certificate. You can either email it to me or bring it to the office.

You need to set up an account for the Instructor-Led or On-Line class. Help tools at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZHW2qtMI0c> will help with enrolment for your YQCA account and course.

The Goals of YQCA are to:

- Ensure safety and well-being of animals produced by youth for showing and for 4-H and FFA projects.
- Ensure a safe food supply to consumers.
- Enhance the future of livestock industry by educating our youth on these very important issues so they can become more informed producers, consumers and/or employees in the agriculture and food industry
- Maximize the limited development time and budgets of state and national youth program leaders to provide an effective quality assurance program.
 - Offer livestock shows a valid, national quality assurance certification for youth livestock exhibitors.
- The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals national multi-species quality assurance program embraces human diversity and is committed to ensuring that its educational programs are available to youth and adults on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. This statement is in accordance with U.S. civil rights laws and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Important Information!

Dog Project members:

Our first meeting will be Monday, January 20 in the Bison Room at 7pm. All current and new members should attend. We will discuss what the project does, when the trainings will start (most trainings are on Thursday), when the dog shows will be, any suggestions for the members and parents, and what your responsibilities will be to train and care for your dog. **NO Dogs** at this meeting.

Summer Camp Registration is Open for 2025 Season

Families and youth eager to experience the excitement of 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch can secure their spots for the upcoming summer sessions. This includes mini camp, half week and full week sessions, teen leadership and several new specialty camps. For more information: <https://ksre.k-state.edu/tuesday/announcement/?id=101198>

State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Changes

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Family Scholarship application process is now open. Applications are due by March 1, 2024, at 11:59 PM.

To learn more about the scholarship process use the following link or click here <https://kansas4h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Scholarships are available to current high school seniors and undergraduate students. There are several scholarships that graduate and professional students are eligible for. Please encourage all these individuals to apply for one of the Kansas 4-H Scholarships. Questions can be directed to Sarah Keatley, 620.366.0035 or keatley@ksu.edu

Post High School Sedgwick County Scholarships

The following county scholarships are available to qualified Sedgwick County 4-H members for further education at a community college, 4 year institution, technical school in or out of state.

The Sedgwick County 4-h Scholarship application form can be used for the following scholarships, Teen Council, and 4-H Advisory. All applications are due March 15.

<https://kansas4h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Livestock Scholarship application please email sedgyouthlivestock@gmail.com for information.

4-H Day 2025

4-H Day 2025 will be held on February 8, 2025 at the Stone Creek Elementary School. The school is located at 3012 Triple Creek Dr., Derby, KS. The events of the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run until approximately 2:00 p.m. depending on entries.

Will have Photography Judging, Family and Consumer Science Judging, Horticulture Judging and Livestock Skill-a-Thon available for youth to participate in. This judging opportunity will only take place again during the Style Revue and scores are totaled to pick our State Fair judging team members so we hope you will plan to participate in this opportunity.

Visit our website to see Guidelines for 4-H Day. We are in the process of updating score sheets for 4-H Day so please do not use the ones currently posted on the website for reference. All entries must be done online using the following links below.

Groups: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45A9AC29A75-46200849-4hday#/
4hday#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45A9AC29A75-46200849-4hday#/)

Junior Division: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45A9AC29A75-46197732-4hday#/
46197732-4hday#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45A9AC29A75-46197732-4hday#/)

Intermediate Division: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45A9AC29A75-46197818-4hday#/
46197818-4hday#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45A9AC29A75-46197818-4hday#/)

Senior Division: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45A9AC29A75-34379614-4hday#/
34379614-4hday#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45A9AC29A75-34379614-4hday#/)

4-H Day Room Monitors:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45A9AC29A75-47041631-4hday#/
47041631-4hday#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45A9AC29A75-47041631-4hday#/)

Entry Deadline is January 24th.

TEEN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



Sedgwick County
4-H invites you to

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JOIN THE 4-H TEEN COUNCIL

Meeting Times
4th Monday night of every
month
7:00 p.m.
Extension Office

Open to any Sedgwick County 4-H Youth ages 13 and over.

Sedgwick County 4-H Teen Council provides an opportunity to work within your community with younger 4-Hers, participate in community service projects, get to know 4-H Teens from other county clubs and participate in leadership conferences and workshops.

Teen Council Christmas Party



All 4-H Teens are welcome to join the festivities.

Caroling in Valley Center- **3:30-4:30 pm**

- Meet at the extension office at 3:00 or
- Meet at VC Library at 3:30-(314 E Clay Street, Valley Center)



Party at the KSRE Extension Building-**5:00-8:00 pm**

- There will be food and drinks
 - o Sign up to bring an item

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CACA629A6F8C34-53409937-teen>

- Bring your favorite boardgame to play.
 - Bring a \$10.00 gift to exchange.
 - There will be a Christmas Movie.

For more information contact
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Sedgwick County Extension Office





EXPLORE

4-H School Enrichment



Coding with Steve

Our indi robots (dubbed "Steve" and friends) teach students how to use sequential thinking, math, and strategy to accomplish tasks. If you're interested in bringing Steve to your child's classroom, send their teacher to our website to learn more!



Plants and Science

We have multiple classes brought to you by our Master Gardener volunteers as well as our Life Cycle Miracle and Wheat Science classes. Order your butterfly larvae before March and check out our other Earth Science based classes while on our website!



Mindful Me

Being mindful about our emotions and how to regulate them is difficult. The mindfulness muscle is something that must be exercised. Learn how to do this through our seven session Mindful Me class or free rentable curriculum kit!



CONTACT US

316-660-0115

www.tinyurl.com/school-enrichment

Save the Date!

2025 K-State Junior Producer Days



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Swine - March 1



Goat - March 22





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