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Central Kansas District 4-H

July/ August, 2026

4-H Council News

July Meeting

The July 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Extension Office at 315 W. 3rd Street, across the street south from the Ottawa County Courthouse.

September Meeting

The September 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m., in Salina. We will meet in the College Center Conference Room, on the K-State Salina Campus.

4-H Newsletter Deadlines

If you have something you would like in the 4-H Newsletter, be sure to email it to ev13104@ksu.edu.

Deadlines are:

- September - August 10
- October - September 10
- November - October 10
- December/January - November 10



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Offices Closed

Both the Minneapolis and Salina Extension Offices will be closed on July 3. Offices will re-open on July 6.

Be Prepared for County Fair!

Summer is busy, so stay informed and organized. Be sure to read the 4-H Newsletter, county fair newsletters, and emails to keep up with important deadlines and requirements. Missing a deadline could affect your eligibility to exhibit at the county fair, participate in activities, or qualify for the Kansas State Fair.



- Review the Fair Papers posted online. Read the General Rules and the rules for each division in which you plan to exhibit.
- Check the Fair Schedule and become familiar with the day and time your exhibits will be judged.
- Plan to arrive 10 - 15 minutes before your scheduled judging time.
- Complete exhibits well before the fair—don't wait until the last minute.
- Pick up exhibit cards from your local Extension Office before bringing exhibits to the fair.
- Attach exhibit cards and all required documentation to your exhibits using tape or string. Examples, in addition to exhibit cards, may include recipe cards, frosting and filling sugar calculations, index cards, labels, or other required information. Refer to the Fair Papers for specific instructions.
- Exhibits without properly attached cards or documentation may be incorrectly labeled.
- For Animal Sciences animal exhibits, be sure to label all supplies and equipment.
- Purchase all bedding and feed needed for animal science exhibits prior to fair. None will be provided this year at Tri Rivers Fair.
- The fair theme is **Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights**. Utilize the theme throughout club exhibit displays, etc.
- Help keep the fairgrounds looking clean, organized and welcoming.

A little preparation goes a long way toward a successful fair experience!



State Scholarship Recipients

Central Kansas District had five State 4-H Scholarship recipients. Congratulations!

Brynna Anderson	Vanier Family Scholarship
Acacia Pracht	Vanier Family Scholarship
Jocelyn Taylor	Extension Step Ahead Scholarship
Jaelyn Gates	Mary E. Border Scholarship
Charlotte Knopf	Cecil and Merle Eyestone Scholarship

Local Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to all local Ottawa County 4-H Foundation, Saline County 4-H Development Fund and 81-40 Club scholarship recipients:

Zoe Ade	Jaelyn Gates	Hensli Lofdahl
Brynna Anderson	Kiley Isaacson	Acacia Pracht
Marik Anderson	Charlotte Knopf	Matthew Redden
Carson Fouard		Jocelyn Taylor



Just A Thought

By bringing an entry to the 4-H Fair, you are asking for a judge's opinion of your work. Although you may not always agree with the judge's decision, remember that you asked for an opinion. Youth are allowed to ask questions of the judge during the consultation time, and that may help make it easier to understand the comments that the judge gives.

Judging is not a final grade! It is not a reflection on the 4-H Member. A red ribbon animal or garment does not mean that the 4-H Member is a red ribbon person! It only means a little more work is needed . . . that's all!

Parents and project leaders can help a great deal by going through the judging process at home several times before the fair. This may relieve some of the anxieties of fair time. This will make fair time just another opportunity for an opinion.

Conference judging is an excellent opportunity for the 4-H Member to listen to the judge's comments about their product and for the 4-H Member to tell the judge about their product. This exchange should be between the 4-H Member and the judge.

As a parent, it is easy to answer the questions. Please let this be a learning experience for your child. Always speaking for your child only deprives them of the ability to think on their feet and present their own ideas.

County Fire Bans and Rocket Launches

This is a reminder about Kansas 4-H Rocketry rules as they relate to fire bans in Kansas. While some areas of Kansas have received good recent rains, the situation can change very rapidly. Counties are advised to be cautious and use good judgment in planning and conducting rocket launches, and consider cancelling them if dry conditions warrant. For more information, see rule 6 in the Aerospace/Rocketry Division in the Fair Paper.



Kansas 4-H/FFA Wheat Expo

The 2026 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is on August 4 at the Butler County Community Building, 206 W. Griffith, El Dorado from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Wheat Expo will be a fun, educational and hands-on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and K-State Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in Agronomy to participate. 4-H members enrolled in Foods and Nutrition, Photography and Agronomy are encouraged to participate. The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a unique opportunity for hands-on learning and fun.

2026 Kansas 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Contest

The 2026-27 4-H Wheat Variety Plot program begins in the fall of 2026 with planting and wraps up in the fall of 2027 with the State 4-H Wheat Variety Plot displays at the Kansas State Fair. The 4-H Wheat Variety Plot program is open to all 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Agronomy project who have an interest in studying how different wheat varieties perform in their part of the state. 4-H members are encouraged to work closely with their local agriculture agent and/or an adult mentor. The 4-H Wheat Varieties are meant to be a hands-on experience for youth.

Members who are interested should contact Jay Wisbey at the Extension Office by July 15 for information. There will be no cost for the program.

Fair News

Photography Themed Class & Items to Remember

The theme for the 2026 4-H Photography Competition is **Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights**. 4-H members can submit a photograph that illustrates the fair theme. Be sure to choose the specific class number for Theme Photo Class when pre-entering for the county fair. This is a **county only class** and is not eligible for the Kansas State Fair.



If you are enrolled in photography, make sure you understand the following as you prepare for the county fair:

- Photographic subject matter is expected to follow 4-H standards. For a sense of prohibited subject matter, review the Kansas 4-H member Code of Conduct; in general, if it is not allowable at a 4-H event, it is not allowable in a 4-H photograph at the State Fair.
- Photos with live subject(s) on railroad right of way or taken from railroad right of way property will not be displayed in Kansas 4-H Photography.
- Copyright protections must be observed.

Decisions as to display and/or penalties will be made by the Photography Superintendent and the Extension Staff.

Fair-Worthy Recipes Await! Get Baking with 4-H! by Lisa Newman

Hey 4-H Foods & Nutrition Stars! County Fair season is just around the corner, and it's time to start thinking about those winning recipes! We've got two fantastic resources to help you find the perfect baked goods to showcase your skills:

- **Home Baking Association:** <https://www.homebaking.org/skill-level/beginner/> This site is perfect for those just starting out or looking for solid, reliable recipes. It's packed with beginner-friendly options that are sure to impress the judges.
- **King Arthur Baking Company:** <https://www.kingarthurbaking.com/recipes/collections> King Arthur Baking is a trusted source for bakers of all levels. Explore their recipe collections for a wide variety of treats, from classic cookies to show-stopping breads.

Your Challenge: As you browse these sites, keep your 4-H Foods & Nutrition knowledge in mind! Look for recipes that:

- Feature whole grains.
- Incorporate fruits and vegetables.
- Offer healthy substitutions (like using applesauce instead of oil).
- Are modifiable to reduce sugar or fat.

Remember, the fair isn't just about delicious treats; it's also about showcasing your understanding of healthy and nutritious food choices. We want to see your creativity and skill shine! **Happy Baking!**

Ensure Your Frostings and Fillings Are Safe

The Frostings and Fillings Worksheet helps you determine if your frostings or fillings are safe to store at room temperature. (An added bonus, this calculation is what you must attach to your entry at the fair if you have frostings or fillings - so it's a win-win!) This worksheet is an invaluable tool, ensuring the safety and quality of your culinary creations. We hope you find this resource helpful and enjoy exploring the world of frostings and fillings. Happy baking! You can find the Frostings and Fillings Worksheet at https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/frostings-and-fillings-worksheet_4H1171.



Remember, this rule has been put in place for safety with frostings and fillings for the 4-H Foods & Nutrition project. It states:

For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. The calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety.

A short video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl5oOYB155M> to help 4-H members understand the process.

Important: No Perishable Entries Accepted

To ensure the health and safety of all fair participants and visitors, we will no longer be accepting *perishable* food items as fair entries. This change aligns with current food safety guidelines and helps us maintain a safe environment for all. We appreciate your understanding and encourage you to continue showcasing your talents with non-perishable food items and other creative entries!

Perishable foods are items that must be kept hot or cold — like dairy products, fresh meats, cream pies, or anything with fresh fruit or uncooked eggs. *Non-perishable foods* are shelf-stable and safe to display at room temperature—like cookies, breads, jams, canned goods, or dried foods.

Minimum Livestock Weights at County Fair

The minimum weights for livestock to be eligible for grand or reserve champion and be eligible to sell in the premium auction at the 2026 Ottawa County Fair and 2026 Tri-Rivers Fair are as follows:

Beef: 1,000 lbs

Meat Goats: 50 lbs

Sheep: 90 lbs

Swine: 220 lbs

Fair Ribbons & Trophies

Do you have a great display idea for ribbons and trophies? Does your 4-H Member keep a scrapbook of ribbons? If so, we'd love to see pictures of how your family displays ribbons and trophies after the events. Please send pictures to klittich@ksu.edu to share your great ideas!

Also available again this year is the ribbon recycling system. If your family would like to “recycle” ribbons or trophies, a collection box will be available. Ribbons should be unmarked and can be from any CKD 4-H event (shows, 4-H Club Day, fairs, etc.). Trophies can also be placed in the collection box as they can usually be repurposed by having a new plate made. These items may also be dropped off at either Extension Office to be added to the recycle program.

2026 Ottawa County 4-H Judging Schedule

Fair Theme: Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights

4-H=4-H Building EX= Extension Office CH=Courthouse Meeting Room

LA=Livestock Arena RA=Rodeo Arena

Monday, June 15

11:59 pm Pre-Entry Deadline

Friday, July 10

7:00 pm Fairground Cleanup

Monday, July 13

8:30 am 4-H Foods/Foods Preservation judging (EX)

1:30 pm 4-H Visual Arts judging (EX)

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 – 11:00 am 4-H/FFA and Open Class Livestock entered

8:00 am – 12:00 pm 4-H/FFA Divisions (building exhibits) entered

10:00 – 11:00 am 4-H/FFA Horses entered

11:00 – 12:00 pm 4-H/FFA/Open Class Rabbits & Poultry entered

12:00 pm Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting (LA)

12:30 pm Cloverbud show & share sign up with session at 1:00 pm (4-H)

1:00 pm 4-H Posters/Pets/Notebooks/Booths/Banners/Communications/Interior Design & Architecture/Civic Engagement/Leadership/Reading Adventures/Self-Determined/Veterinary Science/Family Studies/Health & Wellness/Shooting Sports judging(4-H)

1:00 pm 4-H Woodworking/CO2 Car judging (4-H)

1:00 pm 4-H Photography judging (EX)

1:15 pm 4-H/FFA & Open Class Agronomy/Entomology/Forestry/Horticulture & Landscape Design/Environmental Science/Geology/Wildlife judging (4-H)

2:00 pm 4-H/FFA Ag Mechanics Welding judging (4-H)

2:30 pm 4-H Aerospace/Rocketry/Astronomy/Building Block Engineering/Computer Science/Electric & Renewable Energy/Robotics/Small Engines/UAS judging (4-H)

6:00 pm Parade

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 am 4-H/FFA Swine Show (followed by Sheep, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat & Dairy Cattle (LA)

4-H/FFA show first, followed by Open Class

1:00 pm 4-H/FFA Rabbit & Poultry judging

4-H/FFA show first, followed by Open Class

5:30 pm Bucket Calf show (LA)

4-H/FFA Beef Show, Breeding heifers, Market steers (LA)

4-H/FFA show first, followed by Open Class

6:00 pm Open Class Baking Contest (4-Her's eligible to enter)

Thursday, July 16

8:00 am 4-H Horse Show (Classes 1-38)

11:00 am 4-H/FFA Projects & Livestock Intent to Sell Forms DUE ONLINE

1:00 pm 4-H Sewing & Textile Design/Shopping in Style/Fiber Arts judging (EX)

1:30 pm Fashion Revue judging (CH)

7:00 pm 4-H Horse Show (Classes 33-53) (RA)

Friday, July 17

9:00 am 4-H/FFA Round Robin (LA)

2:00 pm 4-H Ag Olympics (LA)

5:00 pm Preview of Silent Auction Items (4-H)

5:30 pm Public Fashion Revue/Shooting Sports Awards/4-H/FFA Awards Ceremony/Farm Bureau photo contest winners announced (LA)

6:00 pm 4-H Silent Auction (Silent Auction ends 30 minutes after the Premium Auction) (4-H)

7:00 pm 4-H/FFA Premium Auction and Project Auction (LA)

9:00 pm Livestock Exhibits Released by Fairboard

Saturday, July 18

8:00 am Fair Clean-Up and release of building exhibits

Saturday, July 25

8:00 am 4-H Dog Show – Salina – Saline County Livestock & Expo Center (Ag Hall & 4-H Building)

Sunday, July 26

1:30 pm 4-H Performing Arts – Salina – First Christian Church, 2727 E. Crawford

Saturday, August 1

5:00 pm CO2 Car Races – Salina – 4-H Building

Ottawa County Fair – July 15-18

THEME: Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights!



Ottawa County Fair Pre-Fair Entries and Exhibit Cards

We are again using the FairEntry system for our pre-fair entries for the Ottawa County Fair. This is the same system used for the Kansas State Fair. Entry cards were printed for all 4-H exhibits with exceptions:

- There will be **NO** exhibit cards in your brown sack for the following divisions:

Banner (club)	Dairy Goat	Performing Arts	Sheep
Beef Cattle	Dog	(performance entries)	Shooting Sports
Booth	Fashion Revue	Pets (cats and hand pets)	(fair shoot)
Bucket Calf	Horse	Poultry	Swine
Dairy Cattle	Meat Goat	Rabbit	
- Exhibit cards will be the responsibility of EACH 4-H FAMILY to pick up at the Minneapolis Extension Office so you can prepare your exhibits.** - Please complete the sign-out sheet when you pick your cards up.
 - Through July 2** - The Extension Office is closed over the lunch hour, but cards can still be picked up inside the front door of the Extension Office.
 - July 3** - The building will be closed for the July 4th Holiday.
 - Beginning July 6** - The building will be locked over the lunch hour. Cards will be available for pick up between the hours of:
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ottawa County Farm Bureau Holds 4-H Photo Contest

The Ottawa County Farm Bureau Association is proud to announce the Annual 4-H Photography Contest. The purpose of this contest is to promote agriculture in Ottawa County. The contest is open to all current Ottawa County 4-H members. The photo must have been taken in Ottawa County. The photo could be of animals, crops, equipment, landscape, water sources, farm buildings, or grains, but please, no people should be in the picture. All photographs should be 8"x10" and be submitted to the Farm Bureau Financial Services offices by **4:00 p.m., Monday, July 6, 2026**. Prize money will be 1st place \$50, 2nd place \$30 and 3rd place \$20. Any picture submitted for this contest cannot be entered into the Ottawa County Fair. Winners will be announced at the Ottawa County Fair on Friday, July 17. Winning photographs become the property of the Ottawa County Farm Bureau. They will be framed and hung at the Matt Pickrell Farm Bureau Financial Services office. If you have any questions, contact Clara Mull at ottawafb@kfb.org or 785-392-7501.

Ottawa County Barricade Barrel Painting Contest by Ottawa County Fair Board

Instead of trash cans, this year the barrel painting contest will use concrete barricade barrels instead. After years of this contest, all trash cans have been wonderfully painted with our club's art! Unfortunately, due to the weight of the barrels, they cannot be moved and must be painted at the fairgrounds. They are located between the sheep and swine barns. You can paint up to 2 barrels. Ensure that they are painted before **Tuesday, July 14**, as judging will take place on that day. This project is a club effort, and the club will provide the paint. Prize money will be \$50, \$30, and \$20 for the top three placings. Remember to include "2026" on the barrel. Sponsored by the Ottawa County Fair Board.

2026 Tri-Rivers Fair 4-H Judging Schedule

Fair Theme: Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights

4-H=4-H Building AH=Ag Hall B1=Barn #1 B2=Barn #2 FCC=First Christian Church

Monday, June 29

11:59 pm Pre-Entry Deadline

Friday, July 24

8:00 am Dog Show Set-up (4-H)

Saturday, July 25

8:00 am 4-H Dog Show (AH & 4-H)

Sunday, July 26

12:00 am Online judging time sign up opens

1:00 pm 4-H Fashion Revue judging (FCC)

1:30 pm 4-H Performing Arts Judging (FCC)

7:00 pm 4-H Public Fashion Revue (FCC)

11:59 pm Online judging time sign up closes

Monday, July 27

4:00 pm Fair Cleanup (4-H & B1 & B2)

Tuesday, July 28

7:30 am to 3:00 pm Exhibit drop-off for all 4-H
Building exhibits (4-H)

Wednesday, July 29

9:00 am 4-H Building opens for judging (4-H)

9:15 am 4-H Agronomy/4-H Entomology judging (4-H)

9:15 am 4-H Horticulture & Landscape Design
judging (4-H)

10:00 am 4-H Foods/Foods Preservation judging (4-H)

10:00 am 4-H Wildlife/Forestry/Shooting Sports/Electric &
Renewable Energy/Vet Science judging (4-H)

10:00 am - 2:00 pm 4-H Bake Sale (4-H)

10:00 am 4-H Geology judging (4-H)

1:00 pm 4-H Sewing & Textile Design/Shopping in
Style/Fiber Arts judging (4-H)

2:00 pm 4-H Photography judging (4-H)

2:00 pm 4-H Ag Mechanics Welding (4-H)

6:30 pm Parade Downtown Theme: Stars, Stripes, and
Summer Nights

Thursday, July 30

7:30 am – 12:00 pm Bucket Calves/Dairy Cattle/Dairy
Goats/Horses/All other breeding livestock entered

7:30-9:00 am 4-H Poultry entered (B1)

8:00 am - 8:30 am 4-H Swine weigh-in (B2)

8:00 am 4-H Bake Sale continues (4-H)

8:00 am 4-H Civic Engagement/Communications/
Environmental Science/Family Studies/Health &
Wellness/Leadership/Reading Adventures/Self-
Determined/Entrepreneurship judging (4-H)

Thursday, July 30 continued

8:45 am - 9:15 am 4-H Sheep weigh-in (B2)

8:30 am 4-H Woodworking (4-H)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm 4-H Rabbits checked in (B2)

9:15 am - 9:45 am 4-H Meat Goat weigh-in (B2)

10:00 am - 10:30 am 4-H Beef weigh-in (B1)

10:00 am 4-H Poultry judging (B1)

11:00 am 4-H CO2 Car judging (4-H)

12:00 pm 4-H Aerospace/Rocketry/Astronomy/Building
Block Engineering/Computer Science/Robotics/
Small Engines/UAS judging (4-H)

12:00 pm 4-H Visual Arts judging (4-H)

2:00 pm 4-H Rabbit Show (B2)

6:30 pm Crowning of 4-H King & Queen (4-H)

7:00-8:00 pm Saline Co. 4-H Development Fund
Reception (4-H)

6:00-8:00 pm Ag Hall open for horse exhibitors to practice

Friday, July 31

8:30 am 4-H Swine Show (B2)

9:00 am 4-H Cloverbud judging (4-H)

10:00 am 4-H Horse Show (AH)

1:00 pm 4-H Notebooks/Banners/Interior Design (4-H)

2:00-4:00 pm (immediately following horse show) Ag
Hall opens for beef exhibitors to practice

2:30 pm 4-H Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goat Show (B2)

4:00 pm 4-H Meat Goat Show (B2)

6:30 pm 4-H Sheep Show (B2)

Saturday, August 1

9:00 am 4-H Beef Show (AH)

Bucket Calf starts Beef Show

9:00 am – 12:30 pm 4-H Fair Fun Day (4-H)

1:30 pm 4-H Ag Olympics (AH)

2:00-4:00 pm Thank You Note Table (4-H)

3:00 pm 4-H Pets Show (4-H)

5:00 pm CO2 Car Races (4-H)

Sunday, August 2

1:00 pm Round Robin (AH & B2)

4:00 pm Awards Ceremony (4-H)

5:00 pm Dismissal of All 4-H Exhibits (Immediately
following 4-H Awards Ceremony)

Monday, August 3

10:00 am 4-H Livestock Sale (B2)

12:00-1:30 pm Premium Buyers Meal

4-H Building Hours: Wednesday – 9:00 am – Not open to the public, ONLY to those who are having items judged.

for 4-H Families* Thursday, Friday, Saturday – 7:30 am – 8:00 pm

Sunday – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

*These hours may differ from hours open to the public.

Tri-Rivers Fair – July 30 - August 2

THEME: Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights!



Tuesday, July 28 – Exhibit Check-In Volunteers – We will need lots of help on this day to help take entries from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you can help take entries this day, please sign up by going to <https://tinyurl.com/2026TuesdayFairHelp>

Tri-Rivers Fair King & Queen Candidates & Contest Update –The interviews will take place at the Royalty Reception on **Wednesday, July 22**. The reception will begin at 6:00 p.m., location TBD.

Attention Food Exhibitors for Tri-Rivers Fair – All food entries, including preservation items, will need to be brought on Tuesday, July 28.

Tri-Rivers Fair Silent Auction – The Silent Auction Committee with the Tri-Rivers Fair Board would like every club to consider providing an item for the auction held during the fair in the open class building (Kenwood Hall). All the money raised goes toward the Tri-Rivers Fair Scholarship that 4-H members are eligible for. For more information, please call or text Linda Lecklider at 785-452-5775. Also, if you happen to have any baskets you would be willing to donate to the auction for items to be put in, please contact Linda.

Tri-Rivers Fair Fun Day Help Needed – Youth, here is your opportunity for some leadership within your 4-H project . . . Tri-Rivers Fair Fun Day. Contact Ellie at 785-309-5850 or ev13104@ksu.edu.

if you would like to do a demonstration or activity on your 4-H project(s).

Tri-Rivers Fair Pre-Fair Entries and Exhibit Cards

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Beef Cattle	Fashion Revue	(performance entries)	Shooting Sports
Bucket Calf	Horse	Pets (cats and hand pets)	(fair shoots)
Dairy Cattle	Meat Goat	Poultry	Swine
Dairy Goat		Rabbit	

- Exhibit cards will be the responsibility of EACH 4-H FAMILY to pick up at the Salina Extension Office when they are ready so you can prepare your exhibits.** Once exhibit cards are printed, families will be able to pick them up anytime during the day or night, as the cards will be placed right inside the first door at the Extension Office. An email will be sent to families when cards are ready to be picked up, so watch your email for details!

4-H Concession Stand & Building Monitors

Please make sure your club signs up for working the Concession Stand and also to serve as Building Monitors. Below is the current schedule. The link for the Concession Stand and Building Monitors is: <https://tinyurl.com/2026PopAndBuilding>. If you have questions, please call the Salina Extension Office at 785-309-5850 or you can email Michele at mhennes@ksu.edu. Thank you!



It is VERY IMPORTANT that at least one adult is present in the Concession Stand and one adult is present as a Building Monitor during each shift.

Fair Concession Stand

4-H Building Monitors

Wednesday, July 29

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. _____
12 p.m. – 2 p.m. _____
2 p.m. – 5 p.m. _____

Thursday, July 30

9 a.m. – Noon _____
Noon – 2 p.m. _____
2 p.m. – 4 p.m. _____

Friday, July 31

9 a.m. – Noon _____
Noon – 3 p.m. _____
3 p.m. – 6 p.m. _____
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. _____

Friday, July 31

5 p.m. – 6 p.m. _____
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. _____

Saturday, August 1

9 a.m. – Noon _____
Noon – 3 p.m. _____
3 p.m. – 5 p.m. _____
5 p.m. – 8 p.m. _____

Saturday, August 1

9 a.m. – Noon _____
Noon – 3 p.m. _____
3 p.m. – 5 p.m. _____
5 p.m. – 8 p.m. _____

Concession Stand

The Finance and Fundraising Committee, through 4-H Council, will be serving lunch **Wednesday** through **Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, with **set up beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

For an updated menu, visit the Concession Stand!

The Concession Stand will be in the kitchen again! Only Concession Stand helpers working their shift should be in the kitchen.

When recruiting your club members, please keep the following in mind. The Concession Stand operates smoothly with at least one adult and two or three youth. However, during the time frame of 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., we are asking for two adults and four youth to better help with lunch preparation, serving and clean up. **Please make sure to have an adult present during ALL shifts.**



Kansas State Fair Information

Qualifications to exhibit: 4-H member must be 9 before January 1, 2026, their project must have received a purple at the county fair and a class must be available at the State Fair.

Check the State Fair web page for other details. Our staff will take your non-livestock 4-H exhibits to the Kansas State Fair for you, as long as they fit within specific size and weight criteria.

- State Fair pre-entries are DUE:
 - **July 23 by 5:00 p.m. for Minneapolis Area Clubs** in the Ottawa County Extension Office.
 - **August 4 by 12:00 p.m. Noon for Salina Area Clubs** in the Saline County Extension Office.

Additional KSF Details will soon be posted on the website at

www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h under County Fairs.

The 4-H exhibits that must be pre-entered by the 4-H family are:

- **Demonstration / Illustrated Talk / Project Talk / Public Speaking / Drama: Reading - Poetry Interp or Prose Interp:**
 - 4-H Club Day, purple ribbon talent qualifies for State Fair. Due online to Extension Office July 1 by 11:59 p.m. Please refer to email sent on May 4.
- **Rabbit / Poultry / Dog:**
 - Minneapolis Area Clubs - Contact the Ottawa County Extension Office.
 - Salina Area Clubs - Pick up a form from the project superintendent, on stage at the fair or at the Salina Extension Office.
- **Fashion Revue:**
 - Minneapolis Area Clubs - Contact the Ottawa County Extension Office.
 - Salina Area Clubs - Forms and other information will be given to members who qualify on the night of the Public Fashion Revue.

The following exhibits receiving a purple ribbon are **automatically entered** in the Kansas State Fair:

Aerospace/Rocketry	Entomology	Horticulture & Landscape Design	Small Engines
Ag Mechanics Welding	Fiber Arts	Interior Design & Architecture	Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
Agronomy	Foods & Nutrition	Photography	Veterinary Science
Astronomy	Foods Preservation	Robotics	Visual Arts
Building Block Engineering	Forestry	Sewing & Textile Design	Wildlife
Computer Science	Geology	Shooting Sports	Woodworking
Electric & Renewable Energy		Shopping in Style	

Projects that do not qualify for the State Fair are:

Banners	Environmental Science	Leadership	Pets
Civic Engagement	Family Studies	Notebooks	Reading Adventures
Communications	Health & Wellness	Performing Arts	Self-Determined
CO2 Cars			

When coming into the Extension Office, please allow time to prepare your exhibit, as you are responsible for attaching all information to the entry and packaging. Entry cards will be picked up at the Extension Office when you bring in your exhibits.

- **Minneapolis Area 4-H Members**
 - Food and Horticulture projects must be at the Minneapolis office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9.
- **Salina Area 4-H Members**
 - Foods and Horticulture projects can be brought on Wednesday, September 9, along with the other projects before 4:00 p.m.
 - If a member has projects other than Foods & Horticulture, please bring those on September 3, 8, or 9 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. We will not be accepting entries on Friday, September 4.
- Livestock entries are **DUE ONLINE July 15** to the Kansas State Fair. Entries are available on-line at <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/competitions>. This includes Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Market Meat Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Market Swine, and Breeding Swine.
- Horse Show entries are **DUE ONLINE** August 1 at <https://kansaseq.fairwire.com>.
- Information about volunteering at the Kansas State Fair will be emailed out through 4-H Online as soon as it is available. The deadline to sign up is usually the end of July.

Leadership Opportunities

4-H Council Officer Applications

Have you considered taking a leadership role with the Central Kansas District 4-H Council? Well, now is your chance! 4-H Council Officer Applications will soon be available on the website at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> under 4-H Member Forms & Documents. Applications are due to either Extension Office **by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23**. One year of 4-H Council experience is required. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the current officers or Ellie.



The Central Kansas District 4-H Ambassador Program Wants You!!!

Do you enjoy the 4-H program and all the opportunities it provides? Are you looking to take your leadership skills to the next level? Then the Central Kansas District 4-H Ambassador Program just might be for YOU!

We are looking for 4-H members who are interested in becoming 4-H Ambassadors. The Ambassadors represent and promote the 4-H program and help it grow! Some of the programs that the Ambassadors have assisted with are various things at the Fairs, 4-H Celebration of Achievements, Ag Awareness Day, etc.

The Ambassador Program is a commitment for 4-H Members and their families. Please take time to carefully consider the time commitment to the program and other requirements before applying. Interested 4-H Members need to be in at least the 8th grade, interested in promoting the 4-H program and willing to make a two-year commitment to the program.

Applications are available at either Extension Office or online at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> under 4-H Member Forms & Documents. Applications are due to either Extension Office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30**. Interview date is TBD. For more information about the ambassador program, contact Kate at klittich@ksu.edu or 785-309-5850.

4-H PDC Youth Representation

Each 4-H Club has the opportunity to encourage 4-H members in 8th grade or high school to serve as a youth representative on the 4-H Program Development Committee. Youth will serve on the 4-H PDC from October until September. Two youth from each geographic area in the District will be chosen to serve this one-year term. Applications are available at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>, under 4-H Member Forms & Documents, and are due to either Extension Office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30**.

48 Hours of 4-H

Kansas 4-H members are proud of the communities they call home. Whether they live in cities, towns or rural areas, 4-H members make their communities better year round. 48 Hours of 4-H was created as a way to challenge 4-H members to explore their service capabilities — “To Make the Best Better” in their communities, extension units and across the state. Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, **October 10-11**, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/> and start planning your projects.



Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that happened across the state. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect compliment to #InspireKidstoDo. Registration information will be updated soon.

Club Projects - 4-H Clubs may decide to do their own service project for 48 Hours of 4-H and can register their project in September.

District Projects - Watch your email and 4-H Newsletter for information about a Districtwide 48 Hours of 4-H opportunity.

Helpful Hints for Member Achievement Plan (PIN Application Form) and The Kansas 4-H Key Award

As 4-H members work on their 4-H Member Achievement Plan (Pin Application Form) and/or Kansas 4-H Key Award Application, we have some helpful hints for families AND leaders at <https://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h/awards-recognition/>.

The Helpful Hints for the Member Achievement Plan are now included in the 4-H Member Achievement Plan on page 2 and can be found under Member Achievement Pin Application.

The *Helpful Hints for the Key Award* can be found under Additional Award Forms.

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

2026 District 4-H Awards and Recognition Information

It is hard to imagine that the end of another 4-H year is upon us. With the end of the 4-H year comes the time to finish filling out pin applications, record books, Project Award Applications, etc. A document highlighting the Central Kansas District 4-H Awards System and what awards and recognition are available to 4-H members, **2025-2026 Awards Information – Read First**, is posted at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> under Awards, Recognition, & Records > Awards & Recognition. Another document, **2025-2026 Quickstart Guide**, is also available to get you started on the path to record keeping and award applications. 4-H members and parents are strongly encouraged to read this document thoroughly. If you have any questions, please call or email Kate. **Note: Events occurring after the due date for District awards will count towards the next 4-H year.**

News For Organizational Leaders

JULY/AUGUST CHECK-UP

The final countdown is on . . . fair, pin applications, Project Award Applications, Annual Summaries, etc.!!!
Where has the year gone? Where are we now? Let's take a look . . .

- _____ Celebrate the current 4-H year . . . begin planning for the club achievement party.
- _____ Start planning for the new 4-H year.

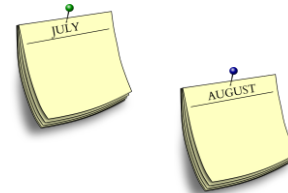
Review

- _____ 4-H Newsletter read and important dates marked on calendar.
- _____ Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter at club meeting.



To-Do

- _____ Check project leaders on progress.
- _____ Ready for the county fairs. Remind 4-H members to pick up entry card packets at their local Extension Office prior to the fair.
- _____ Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
- _____ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- _____ Continue 4-H work.
- _____ Continue working on 4-H Record Books.
- _____ Club's team of leaders organized to review the 4-H records and Project Award Applications.
- _____ Update 4-H Records, Project Award Applications and Member Achievement Plans (Pin Applications).
- _____ 4-H Club Summary Report up-to-date.
- _____ Project leaders notified of the specific responsibilities.
- _____ Report from August 4-H Council meeting shared with the club.
- _____ Begin planning for election of club officers.
- _____ Have members think about projects for the new year.
- _____ Visitors reported to Kate (klittich@ksu.edu).
- _____ Record books due to Organizational Leaders.
- _____ 4-H Record Book information, Member Achievement Plans (Pin Application Forms) and Project Award Applications available online.
- _____ Ribbon stickers for record books ordered from the Extension Offices.
- _____ Dates set for Organizational Leaders and Parents' Committee to review 4-H Record Books and Project Award Applications.
- _____ Check club's progress toward goals.
- _____ Names for 2026-27 Organizational Leaders turned in to Extension Offices by September 1.



Promote/Recruit

- _____ 4-H Club's nominating committee recruiting 4-H members to run for club offices.
- _____ Parents' Committee recruiting Organizational Leaders and Project Leaders for the 2026-27 4-H year.
- _____ Tri-Rivers Fair: Concession stand volunteers and building monitors arranged and confirmed.
- _____ Encourage exhibiting at fair.
- _____ Encourage members to fill out their Member Achievement Plan (Pin Application Form).
- _____ Encourage 4-H Council members to run for a District 4-H Council Officer position.
- _____ Encourage senior 4-H members to run for a position on the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council.
- _____ Promote National 4-H Conference.
- _____ Promote the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF).

Remember

- _____ Tri-Rivers Fair: Sign club up for Concession Stand and building monitor shifts.
- _____ 4-H Council Representatives should attend the August 4-H council meeting.
- _____ Ottawa County Fair KSF Pre-Entries **DUE TO** Minneapolis Extension Office by Thursday, July 23, 5:00 p.m.
- _____ Tri-Rivers Fair KSF Pre-Entries **DUE TO** Salina Extension Office by Wednesday, August 4, 12:00 p.m.
- _____ Project Award Applications, Member Achievement Plans (Pin Application Forms), Key Award Applications, Secretary Book, and 4-H Club Summary Report due to either Extension Office, **Monday, September 28, by 5:00 p.m.** Only Central Kansas District Achievement Pin Applications are accepted.

Deadline for Club Roll

Organizational leaders, if you want to drop member(s) from your club roll, it must be done no later than September 1. Requests must be made by phone or email to Ellie at ev13104@ksu.edu with the rationale for dropping the member(s) from the roll. Please Note: If 4-H Members participated in the county fair, they will not be dropped from the roll.

Family of the Year, 4-H Alumni, Friend of 4-H, Volunteer of the Year, and Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Nominations

Begin thinking about who your club will nominate for the CKD Family of the Year, 4-H Alumni, Friend of 4-H, Volunteer of the Year, and Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Nomination Awards. The applications and information are now available online under Organizational Leaders. Let's challenge ourselves and members to nominate an alumni or family for these honors. Think about the adults in your club serving as organizational leaders and project leaders. What about 4-H sponsors who have contributed to the 4-H movement? How about those long-term families who give 100% to make 4-H happen? The list grows when you think about it. Plus, what a special way to thank those who have given so much to you! Nominations are due online by **Monday, September 28 by 5:00 p.m.**

Project Award Applications, Member Achievement Plans (Pin Applications Forms), Secretary & Treasurer Book, and Annual Summaries

End of the 4-H year is quickly approaching...Project Award Applications, Member Achievement Plans (Pin Application Forms), Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, and Annual Summaries are due **Monday, September 28 by 5:00 p.m.**, to either Extension Office.

- Member Achievement Plans (Pin Application Forms) are available on the website (<http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu>).
- Only the CKD Member Achievement Plans (Pin Applications Forms) will be accepted.

Organizational Leaders, don't forget to use the:

- Pin Application Summary to list all members of your club and what pin they are applying for AND
- Project Award Application Summary to list all the Project Award Applications that are submitted by your club.

These documents are available on the website under Organizational Leaders. If they are not applying for a pin or submitting a Project Award Applications, please note that as well.

Club Leadership

Change is good! Some clubs have a rotation system in place for volunteers to gradually, with training, move into the Organizational Leadership role. This process aids in recruiting volunteers to serve in leadership roles. Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes and ideas . . . some volunteers are more willing to serve if they know it isn't a forever commitment! Plus, the rotation system strengthens a club, as more volunteers know the club's system! The new 4-H year is approaching, will the leadership stay the same? Will it change? Please notify either Extension Office **by September 1** of who the Organizational Leaders will be for the 2026-27 year! **This is important for preparing promotional materials!**

Club Elections

The following are suggested guidelines for conducting the 2026-27 club election of officers:

- ✿ Nominate and vote for the member who would carry out the responsibilities of the office well.
Election of officers should not be a popularity contest.
- ✿ A nominating committee, made up of 4-H members and parents, should develop a slate of candidates, preferably two or more candidates per office.
- ✿ Vote on each office individually. It takes extra time, but allows important learning time for members.
- ✿ Club members should be allowed the opportunity to nominate members from the floor for offices.
- ✿ A club needs to have a motion, a second and approval to close the nominations for each office.
- ✿ A nomination does not need to be a motion. It can simply be, 'I nominate Sally.'
- ✿ Voting should be done by ballot. Ballots should be counted by two to three members who are not running for office and preferably not by members who made the nominations or by parents.
- ✿ Each member should have one vote per office.
- ✿ In cases where the club may have more than one person in office, each member should vote for corresponding candidates.

District Project Award Application Judging

CKD adult volunteers will be evaluating and ranking the CKD 4-H Project Award Applications on Tuesday, **October 6 at 6:00 p.m.** Adult volunteers are needed to assist with the process. If adult volunteers are interested, please sign up by September 11 at <https://tinyurl.com/ProjectAwardJudging2026> or click on the link under Upcoming Events & Online Registration on our website.

Organizational Leader Update

The next Organizational Leader Update to kick off the New Year will be held **Thursday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Technology Center, Room 119 on K-State Salina Campus AND **Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Minneapolis Courthouse Meeting Room. Organizational Leaders just need to attend one of the updates . . . whichever one fits best into your schedule. **Don't forget to register!** Watch for an email with more details.



Central Kansas District 4-H Summer Enrichment Programming

July Program Dates

July 6th & 7th, 9:30



McKenzie Center, Salina:

Reading Makes Cents -



Learn about financial responsibility through hands-on activities! Learn about the history of money, managing money, budgeting, and banks

July 8th, 4-7 pm,

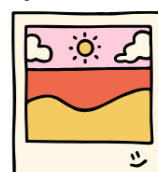
**Minneapolis Extension
Office**

Photo Mounting Workshop -

Learn how to mount photos



for the fair



July 7th, 1 pm, Minneapolis Extension
Office & July 9th, 9 am, Salina



Extension Office:

Wearable Tech -



Learn about the intersection of
technology and fashion

July 20, 9:30 am, McKenzie
Center, Salina, & July 21, 9:30,
Minneapolis Extension Office:

Printmaking Workshop -



Learn different artistic
printmaking techniques and
create awesome prints!



More programs will be coming up soon! We will be at the Ottawa County Fair, Tri-River's Fair, and Salina Farmer's Market! Please consult the CKD Website, or the CKD 4-H Facebook page for more information.

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UPCOMING DATES: August 4—Tri-Rivers Fair - KSF pre-entries DUE by NOON						
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12	13 Ottawa County Fair pre-fair judging, beginning at 8:30 a.m.	14 Ottawa County Fair 4-H (building exhibits) entered, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ottawa County, Fair pre-fair judging, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Ottawa County Fair Parade, 6:00 p.m.	15 KS State Fair livestock entries DUE	16	17 Ottawa County Fair, release of livestock exhibits, beginning at 9:00 p.m.	18 Ottawa County Fair, cleanup and release of building exhibits, 8:00 a.m.
19	20	21	22 Tri-Rivers Fair Queen/King Royalty Reception, Ifirst Christian Church, 6:00 p.m.	23 Ottawa County Fair - KSF pre- entries DUE by 5:00 p.m.	24	25 4-H Dog Show (District), 8:00 a.m.
26 Tri-Rivers Fair 4-H Building static exhibits judging time sign-up, 12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m.	27 Tri-Rivers Fair Clean-Up, 4:00 p.m.	28 Tri-Rivers Fair 4-H Building static exhibits entered, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	29 Tri-Rivers Fair pre-fair judging, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Tri-Rivers Fair Parade, 6:30 p.m.	30 Tri-Rivers Fair Queen/King Crowning, 4-H Building, 6:30 p.m.	31 ← Tri-Rivers Fair - July 30-August 2 →	

August 2026



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UPCOMING DATES: September 1 —Deadline for Club Roll 1 —2026-2027 Organizational Leader names DUE 7 —Offices Closed, Salina & Minneapolis - Labor Day 11-20 —Kansas State Fair 23 —4-H Council Officer Applications DUE , 5:00 p.m. 24 —Organizational Leader update, Salina, 7:00 p.m.						
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Summer Time!

Dear 4-H Families,

County fair season is here! As the summer activities come, I continue to be inspired by the hard work, dedication, and growth of our members.

As you prepare for the fair, remember to enjoy the experience and take pride in all you've accomplished this year. The skills you've learned and the effort you've put in are what matter most. Whether it's your first fair or your last, be proud of how far you've come.

Good luck, have fun, and I look forward to cheering you on this fair season!

Ellie

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