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Central Kansas District 4-H

July/ August, 2025

4-H Council News

July Meeting

The July 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 10. Time and location TBD.

September Meeting

The September 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m., in Minneapolis. We will meet in the Courthouse Meeting Room in Minneapolis.

4-H Newsletter Deadlines

If you have something you would like in the 4-H Newsletter, be sure to email it to klittich@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 4. Offices will re-open on July 7.

Welcome to Our New 4-H Agent

Hello everyone, my name is Ellie Vincent, and I'm honored to serve as the new 4-H Youth Development Agent for the Central Kansas District. I'm truly excited to be here and to start this journey with all of you. I recently graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in animal science, but my connection to 4-H started long before that. I grew up in northern Virginia, where my family raises Angus cattle and show-stock. 4-H was a huge part of my life growing up—whether it was showing livestock, competing in judging contests, giving presentations, or keeping records, I was all in. Those experiences shaped me in countless ways and built the foundation for my passion for youth



development and agriculture. One of the things I love most about 4-H is that it's a national organization. Having been involved on both the East Coast and now here in Kansas, I've seen how the program adapts and thrives in different communities, while still holding onto the same core values. It's inspiring to see the many ways 4-H empowers youth from coast to coast. That passion only deepened during my time as a 4-H Youth Development Intern in Frederick County, Virginia. It gave me a behind-the-scenes look at Extension work and confirmed that this is where I'm meant to be. Supporting youth, giving back to the community, and advocating for agriculture through education are all things I care deeply about. I'm excited to bring that energy and commitment into this role—and even more excited to get to know and work with each of you! You can contact me at ev13104@ksu.edu.

Parents & 4-H Members . . . Be Prepared for Summer!

R.E.A.D. the *4-H Newsletter*, county fair newsletters and emails . . . stay current and informed! Summer is busy! Keep focused, as deadlines need to be met for eligibility to exhibit at the county fairs and Kansas State Fair, participate in activities and much more!





State Project Award Recipients

Central Kansas District had four State Project Award Winners recognized at the Emerald Circle Banquet on June 6. Congratulations to the winners and their families!!!

Jaelyn Gates	Wildlife Project Award Winner
Lillian Hulse	Communications Project Award Winner
Acacia Pracht	Visual Arts Project Award Winner
Eian Pracht	Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Project Award Winner

State Scholarship Recipients

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

Brynna Anderson	Vanier Family Scholarship
Acacia Pracht	Vanier Family Scholarship
	A. Lois Redman 4-H Scholarship
Matthew Redden	Extension Step Ahead Scholarship
Kaitlyn Watkins	Ronald W. Schmutz Memorial Scholarship
Carson Fouard	Warren and Mabel Johnson and Ann Johnson Sparke 4-H 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:

Brynna Anderson	Ariana Baltazor	Carson Fouard
Lillian Hulse	Kiley Isaacson	Hensli Lofdahl
Kayla Norberg	Karson Pihl	Acacia Pracht
Matthew Redden	Josi Schrader	Caroline Stone
Jacob Tillberg	Aiden Wangerin	Kaitlyn Watkins

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. The 2025 Kansas State Fair rules State:



If a fire "burn ban" is in effect for any county in Kansas, exhibitors in any Kansas County are not required to launch their rocket(s). All requirements for the launching of rockets for the state fair and the documenting of the launching are suspended for the duration of the ban.

We advise all counties to be cautious and use good judgment in planning and conducting rocket launches, and consider cancelling them if dry conditions warrant.

Kansas 4-H/FFA Wheat Expo

Join us for the 2025 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Thursday, August 7 at the South Hutchinson Community Building in South Hutchinson, Kansas. The wheat expo will be a fun, educational and hands-on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/plant science projects 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 wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available. **Registration is open** at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/wheat/> If you are planning on staying overnight don't delay in making your reservation once registration is open.

2026 Kansas 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Contest

The 2025-26 4-H Wheat Variety Plot program begins in the fall of 2025 with planting and wraps up in the fall of 2026 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 the Extension Office by July 15 for information. There will be no cost for the program.

Fair News

Fair Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents

The dates for the Ottawa County Fair are July 15-18. The Tri-Rivers Fair will be on July 31 - August 3 (pre-fair days on July 29-30). Both fairs need superintendents and assistants. We need a lot of parents and youth to help ensure a smooth-sailing event. Do not forget that these leadership and citizenship opportunities can be counted in the 4-H member's record book. Interested 4-H members, parents and volunteers, **the date has been extended for sign-up. Please sign up as soon as possible** by going to <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>. Go to County Fairs and choose Ottawa County Fair or Tri-Rivers Fair, and you will find a link for Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Sign Up.

Photography Themed Class & Items to Remember

We are pleased to announce the theme for the 2025 4-H Photography Competition is **Living in Paradise**. 4-H members can submit a photograph that illustrates what makes living here in our area or in Kansas great. Be sure and check out the specifics when the fair papers are available. You will need 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!

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.

Instead of using sites like Instagram or Pinterest, stick with these tested, trustworthy sources to ensure your recipes are fair-worthy and food-safe!

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 Fact Sheet 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 fact sheet 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 Fact Sheet at https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/frostings-and-fillings-worksheet_4H1171.



Remember, there is a new rule 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. 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 to help 4-H members understand the process can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl5oOYB155M>.

Livestock Premium Auction Policy Change



Attention Livestock Exhibitors: Due to recent policy changes at the state and local levels, livestock that have sold through the Ottawa County Fair and Tri-Rivers Fair Livestock Sales are now eligible to show at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show, as long as they have not changed ownership. Please feel free to give the Extension Office a call if you have any questions.

Important Fair Update: 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 2025 Ottawa County Fair and 2025 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!

We've also heard from several families they'd like to see a “recycle” option for ribbons and/or trophies, so we are starting one! 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.

2025 Ottawa County 4-H Judging Schedule

Fair Theme: Stayin' Alive in 2025

4-H=4-H Building CH=Courthouse Meeting Room LA=Livestock Arena

MJSHS=Minneapolis Jr/Sr High School RA=Rodeo Arena

Monday, June 16

11:59 pm Pre-Entry Deadline

Friday, July 11

7:00 pm Fairground Cleanup

Monday, July 14

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

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

Tuesday, July 15

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 judging (4-H)

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

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)

Wednesday, July 16

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 17

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 (MJSHS)

1:30 pm Fashion Revue judging (HJSHS)

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

Friday, July 18

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)

Midnight Livestock Exhibits Released

Saturday, July 19

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

Saturday, July 26

8:30 am 4-H Dog Show – Salina – Saline County Livestock & Expo Center (Ag Hall & 4-H Building)

Sunday, July 27

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

Thursday, July 31

11:00 am 4-H CO2 Car judging – Salina – 4-H Building

Friday, August 1

1:00 pm CO2 Car Races – Salina – 4-H Building

Ottawa County Fair – July 15-18

THEME: Stayin' Alive in 2025!



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. We will be printing entry cards for all 4-H exhibits with exceptions:

- There will be **NO** exhibit cards for:
 - Beef
 - Bucket Calf
 - Dog
 - Horse
 - Meat Goats
 - Sheep
 - Swine
- You will **NOT** pick up exhibit cards for:
 - Club Banner
 - Performing Arts (performance entries)
 - Pet (includes Cat/Hand Pet)



These cards will be the responsibility of EACH 4-H FAMILY to pick up at the Minneapolis Extension Office beginning July 2 so you can prepare your exhibits. The Extension Office is closed over the lunch hour, but they can still be picked up outside the Extension Office door during this time. Please complete the sign-out sheet when you pick your cards up. The building will be closed on July 4.

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 7, 2025. 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 18. 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 Trashcan Painting Contest

Help keep the fairgrounds clean by painting a trash can! Trash cans will be evaluated based on creativity, tidiness, and overall appearance. You can collect up to 2 trash cans from the swine barn at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds. Ensure your trash cans are painted before Tuesday, July 15, as judging will take place on that day. Return the painted cans to the stage by 9:00 a.m. 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, and remember to include "2025" on the trashcan. Sponsored by the Ottawa County Fair Board.



2025 Tri-Rivers Fair 4-H Judging Schedule

Fair Theme: Fairadise

4-H=4-H Building AH=Ag Hall B1=Barn #1 B2=Barn #2 FCC=First Christian Church, 2727 E. Crawford

Monday, June 23

11:59 pm Pre-Entry Deadline

Friday, July 25

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

Saturday, July 26

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

Sunday, July 27

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 28

4:00 pm Fair Cleanup (4-H & Barn 1 & 2)

Tuesday, July 29

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

Wednesday, July 30

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)
5:00 – 6:30 pm Chamber After Hours (4-H)
6:30 pm Crowning of 4-H King & Queen (4-H)
7:30 – 8:30 pm Saline Co. 4-H Development Fund
Reception (4-H)

Thursday, July 31

7:30 am – 12:00 pm Bucket Calves/Dairy
Cattle/Dairy Goats/Horses/All other breeding
livestock entered
7:30 am – 9:00 am 4-H/Open Class Poultry entered (B1)
8:00 am - 8:30 am 4-H Swine weigh in (B2)

Thursday, July 31 - Continued

8:00 am – 10:00 am Pick up pre-ordered hay/straw/
shavings (B1)
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 judging (4-H)
8:45 am - 9:15 am 4-H Sheep weigh in (B2)
8:30 am 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/Open Class 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 Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goats judging (AH)
6:30 pm Parade Downtown Theme: Fairadise

Friday, August 1

8:00 am 4-H Horse Show (AH)
9:00 am 4-H Cloverbud judging (4-H)
9:00 am 4-H Rabbit Show (B2)
1:00 pm 4-H Notebooks/Banners/Interior Design (4-H)
1:00 pm CO2 Car Races (4-H)
4:00 pm 4-H Meat Goat Show (AH)
6:30 pm 4-H Sheep Show (AH)
8:00 pm 4-H Ag Olympics (AH)

Saturday, August 2

9:00 am 4-H Beef Show (AH)
Bucket Calf follows Beef Show
9:00 am – 12:30 pm 4-H Fair Fun Day (4-H)
1:00 pm 4-H Pets Show (4-H)
2:00 - 4:00 pm Thank You Note Table (4-H)
6:00 pm 4-H Swine Show (B2)
8:30 pm or 30 minutes after swine show
INTENT TO SELL DUE IN FAIR OFFICE

Sunday, August 3

8:00 am Round Robin (AH & B2)
12:00 – 1:30 pm Premium Buyers Meal
2:00 pm 4-H Livestock Sale (AH)
4:00 pm Awards Ceremony (4-H)
5:00 pm Dismissal of All Exhibits (Immediately following 4-H
Awards Ceremony)

4-H Building Hours: Wednesday – 9:00 am Not open to the public, ONLY to those who are having items judged.
Thursday – 7:30 am – 9:00 pm
Friday, Saturday – 8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Sunday – 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Tri-Rivers Fair – July 31 - August 3

THEME: Fairadise



Tuesday, July 29 – 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/2025TuesdayFairHelp>

Tri-Rivers Fair King & Queen Candidates & Contest Update – The interviews will take place at the Royalty Reception on **Wednesday, July 23**. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Salina.

Attention Food Exhibitors for Tri-Rivers Fair – All food entries, including preservation items, will need to be brought on Tuesday, July 29.

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 Kate at 785-309-5850 or klittich@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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- There will be **NO** exhibit cards for:

Beef	Performing Arts	Rabbit
Bucket Calf	(performance entries)	Sheep
Dairy Goat	Pets	Shooting Sports
Horse	(includes Cat/Hand Pet)	(fair shoot)
Meat Goat	Poultry	Swine
- You will **NOT** pick up exhibit cards for:

Club Banner	Fashion revue
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These 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. You will be able to pick them up anytime during the day or night, as the cards will be placed right inside the first door as you enter the Extension Office. An email will be sent to families when cards are ready to be picked up, so watch your email for details!

Saline County Small Livestock Pen Improvement Project

A group of stakeholders is working on raising funds to replace the small livestock animal pens in Barn 2 at the Saline County Expo Center. The stakeholder group includes the Saline County 4-H Development Fund, K-State Extension, Ell-Saline FFA, Salina FFA, SES FFA, Saline County Expo, Tri-River Fair Board, and community members. This group recognizes that the current pens are challenging to operate and have caused animal injuries at past fairs. The goal is to raise \$75,000 to replace all of the goat, sheep and swine pens and finish the showing before the 2026 Tri-Rivers Fair. The Saline County 4-H Development Fund has already generously donated \$10,000 to the project. Look for more information and ways to support the Tri-Rivers Fair. If you are interested in participating in the stakeholders' group or for more information before the fair, please contact K-State Extension or Adam and Danielle Ast at danielle.ast@gmail.com

Tri-Rivers Fair Information for Organizational Leaders

4-H Pop Stand & Building Monitors

Please make sure your club signs up for working the Pop Stand and also to serve as Building Monitors. The link for the Pop Stand and Building Monitors is: <https://tinyurl.com/2025PopAndBuilding>. 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!

If there are shifts that clubs do not sign up for, the Fair Pop & Concession Stand will be closed during that time.

Consider signing up for 4-H Building Monitor at the same time your club is working the 4-H Pop Stand.

FAIR POP & CONCESSION STAND

4-H BUILDING MONITORS

Wednesday, July 30

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. _____

12 p.m. – 2 p.m. _____

2 p.m. – 5 p.m. _____

Thursday, July 31

9 a.m. – Noon _____

Noon – 2 p.m. _____

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. _____

Friday, August 1

9 a.m. – Noon _____

Noon – 3 p.m. _____

3 p.m. – 6 p.m. _____

6 p.m. – 8 p.m. _____

Friday, August 1

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. _____

7 p.m. – 9 p.m. _____

Saturday, August 2

9 a.m. – Noon _____

Noon – 3 p.m. _____

3 p.m. – 5 p.m. _____

5 p.m. – 8 p.m. _____

Saturday, August 2

9 a.m. – Noon _____

Noon – 3 p.m. _____

3 p.m. – 5 p.m. _____

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. _____

7 p.m. – 9 p.m. _____

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, 2025, their project must have received a purple at the county fair and a class must be available at the State Fair. 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			

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 24 by 5:00 p.m. for Minneapolis Area Clubs** in the Ottawa County Extension Office.
 - **August 6 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 qualify for State Fair. Due online to Extension Office July 1 by 11:59 p.m. Please refer to email sent on May 22.
- **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	Foods & Nutrition	Shooting Sports
Ag Mechanics Welding	Foods Preservation	Shopping in Style
Agronomy	Forestry	Small Engines
Astronomy	Geology	Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
Building Block Engineering	Horticulture & Landscape Design	Veterinary Science
Computer Science	Interior Design & Architecture	Visual Arts
Electric & Renewable Energy	Photography	Wildlife
Entomology	Robotics	Woodworking
Fiber Arts	Sewing & Textile Design	

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 3.
- **Salina Area 4-H Members**
 - Foods and Horticulture projects can be brought on Wednesday, September 3, along with the other projects before 4:00 p.m.
 - If a member has projects other than Foods & Horticulture, please bring those on August 28, or September 2 and 3 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. **We will not be accepting entries on Friday, August 29.**
- 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.
- 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.
- Horse Show entries are **DUE ONLINE August 1** at <https://kansaseq.fairwire.com>.

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 17. One year of 4-H Council experience is required. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the current officers or Kate.



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 Fair, 4-H Celebration of Achievements, Ag Awareness Day, etc.

The Ambassador Program is a large 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 will soon be 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 Tuesday, September 30, 2025. Interview date is TBD.** For more information about the ambassador program, contact Collyn Fouard, Ambassador Coordinator at ckfouard@gmail.com or 785-201-2813.

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 will soon be 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 Tuesday, September 30, 2025.**

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 11-12, 2025, 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) & 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.

2025 District 4-H Awards & Recognition Information

It's hard to imagine that the end of another 4-H year is upon us. With the end of the 4-H year comes time to finish filling out the 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 will soon be available to 4-H members and posted to the District website at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> under 4-H Member Forms and Documents and Awards, Recognition, & Records (left hand side of the page). 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.*



Districtwide Project News

Cloverbuds at a Glance

Each month, we focus on one 4-H project area through books, activities, experiments, and snacks.

Date: Second Sunday of the month – No meeting in July
(August 10)

Time: 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Location: First Christian Church, (2727 E. Crawford, Salina)

RSVP: Email Allison at allisonlecklider@yahoo.com

*Must be received at least two days before the meeting (Friday) so there are adequate supplies.





EXTRA

NEWS FOR CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT 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.

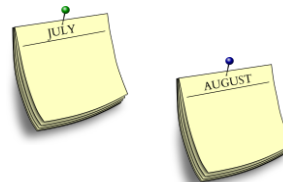
Review

- _____ 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 2025-26 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 2025-26 4-H year.
- _____ Tri-Rivers Fair: pop 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 pop 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 24, 5:00 p.m.
- _____ Tri-Rivers Fair KSF Pre-Entries **DUE TO** Salina Extension Office by Wednesday, August 6, 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 22, 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 Kate at klittich@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 2024-2025 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 22 by 11:59 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 22 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 2025-26 year! **This is important for preparing promotional materials!**

Club Elections

The following are suggested guidelines for conducting the 2025-26 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.

Districtwide Project Award Application Screening

CKD adult volunteers will be evaluating and ranking the CKD 4-H Project Award Applications on Tuesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. Adult volunteers are needed to assist with the process. If adult volunteers are interested, please sign up by August 15 at <https://tinyurl.com/ProjectAwardScreening2025> 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 Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Technology Center, Room 119 on K-State Salina Campus AND Thursday, September 18, 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.



JULY, 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Offices Closed, Salina & Minneapolis 	5
6	7	8	9	10 September newsletter articles due to Kate	11 OT County Fairgrounds clean up, 7:00 p.m.	12
13	14	15 KS State Fair livestock entries DUE OT County Fair Parade, 6:00 p.m.	16	17	18 Ottawa County Fair, release of livestock exhibits, midnight	19 Ottawa County Fair, cleanup and release of building exhibits, 8:00 a.m.
20	21	22	23 Tri-Rivers Fair Queen/ King Royalty Reception, First Christian Church, Salina, 5:30 p.m.	24 Ottawa County Fair - KSF pre-entries DUE by 5:00 p.m.	25	26
27	28 Tri-Rivers Fair Clean-Up, 4:00 p.m.	29 Tri-Rivers Fair 4-H Building static exhibits entered, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	30 Tri-Rivers Fair pre-fair judging, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Tri-Rivers Fair Queen/ King Crowning, 4-H Building, 6:30 p.m.	31 Tri-Rivers Fair Parade, 6:30 p.m. Tri-Rivers Fair, July 31-August 3	UPCOMING DATES: August 6 —Tri-Rivers Fair - KSF pre-entries DUE by NOON	

August, 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UPCOMING DATES: September 1 —Deadline for Club Roll 1 —2025-2026 Organizational Leader names DUE 2 —Offices Closed, Salina & Minneapolis - Labor Day 5-14 —Kansas Sate Fair 16 —Organizational Leader update, Salina, 7:00 p.m. 17 —4-H Council Officer Applications DUE, 5:00 p.m. 18 —Organizational Leader update, Minneapolis, 7:00 p.m. 22 —Key Award, Ten-Year Pin Application; 4-H Project Award Application, Club Summary, Secretary's and Treasurer's Books, & District Awards - DUE BY 5:00 p.m.						
					1 KSF Horse Show Entries Due ONLINE ← Tri-Rivers Fair →	2 Tri-Rivers Fair
3 Tri-Rivers Fair	4	5	6 Tri-Rivers Fair - KSF pre-entries DUE by NOON	7	8	9
10 CKD 4-H Council meeting, K-State, time and location TBD	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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Summer Time!

Dear 4-H Families,

Summer is in full swing, and things are heating up—both outside and here in the office! I'm excited to be starting my journey as your new 4-H Youth Development Agent, and I'm already blown away by all the amazing programs and opportunities available for our youth.

As county fair season kicks off, I want to extend a helping hand—please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. I also want to remind everyone to soak in the fun. What truly matters is everything that was learned and accomplished along the way.

This is your time to shine and showcase the dedication and hard work you've put in all year. Congratulations on making it this far—I can't wait to meet you all and cheer you on!

Ellie

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