

Clover Connection

**Chisholm Trail District - Dickinson County
4-H Youth Development News & Updates
December 2025 – February 2026**

Congratulations!

Thank you to all who attended the 4-H Achievement Celebration. Dickinson County can be very proud of the number of 4-Hers and volunteers who were honored for their work over the past 4-H year!

Thank You Notes

If you received an award at the Achievement Celebration, please remember to write a note of thanks to the sponsor. The celebration would not be possible without the support of these sponsors. Sponsor names and addresses were printed in the program book.

Dickinson County 4-H Foundation
Address: 712 S. Buckeye
Abilene, KS 67410
All project awards – ribbons & pins

Gary DePew & Jill Martinson
Address: 3335 Tulip Rd
Junction City, KS 66441
Junior leader recognition

Dickinson County Farm Bureau
Address: PO Box 66
Woodbine, KS 67492
*Pins – silver, silver guard,
Jr leader, gold, gold guard*

Abilene Rotary Club
Address: 304 N. Vine Street
Abilene, KS 67410
Adult leader recognition

Dickinson County Rural Life
Address: 1048 Hwy 43
Hope, KS 67451
*Pins – membership, bronze,
clover, emerald*

Farm Credit Association of KS
Address: PO Box 836
Hays, KS 67061
Key Awards

4HOnline

4HOnline is our 4-H enrollment database. Both **4-H members** and **adult volunteers** should be enrolled at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-up> and **re-enrolled each year**. If you haven't yet activated your memberships for the new 4-H year, please do it today! Instructions and link to [ks.4Honline.com](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html) may be found at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html> Remember to mark PAY BY CHECK when you submit your enrollment and we will enter the coupon code. This year the Kansas 4-H program fee is being covered by Dickinson County 4-H Foundation for all Dickinson County 4-H members. Notes of thanks should be sent to:

Dickinson County 4-H Foundation
712 S. Buckeye
Abilene, KS 67410

4-H Camp at Rock Springs

Registration is now open for all sessions of 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch! The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation is committed to making camp financially accessible for all of our 4-Hers. Thanks to financial gifts from Friends of the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation. More information on scholarships will be posted on our [district 4-H events page](#).

Learn more about camp at Rock Springs Ranch at <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>.

Fully paid scholarships to attend Leaders in Training (LIT) sessions are available for those going into 10th or 11th grade and Counselor in Training (CIT) sessions for will-be high school seniors. Check out more information today at <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/>.

Bread-In-A-Bag

Foods project members and other volunteers are needed to help assemble and measure out the ingredients for Bread-In-A-Bag packets. This school enrichment program will be presented in area schools in January. The workday is set for **Tuesday, December 23rd, at 10 a.m. until it is finished, in the Extension Office Meeting Room**. Please fill out the Google form (<https://forms.gle/3K5W5Sw6aiAbkBiY5>) to let us know if you plan to attend. 4-H members are welcome to help with school programs. Let us know if you are interested in being a bread in a bag assistant!

Model Meeting

Model meetings will be held on **Saturday, January 3**, at Emmanuel Church, Abilene. All Chisholm Trail District 4-H clubs are invited to participate. Clubs will draw one parliamentary procedure they must perform during the meeting (options: lay on the table, amendment, previous question). Clubs must conduct 3 items of business. A program is optional, but clubs that do not include a program in their meeting will not be eligible to advance to Regional 4-H Day. A quorum is not required to participate. Make note of when your club meets. If you have questions, please refer to “[The Meeting Will Come to Order](#)” and “[A Guide to Practicing Parliamentary Procedure](#)” pamphlets available at the [KSRE bookstore](#). Remember that the first club scheduled is responsible for setting up, and the last club scheduled is responsible for cleaning up. If your club has not signed up for a model meeting time, please use the [Google Drive](#) doc or call the Chisholm Trail District - Abilene Office (785-263-2001) to reserve your time as soon as possible. Full rules may also be found in the Google Drive and on the [CTD 4-H Events](#) page.

Model Meeting Schedule:

8:30 a.m. – Fragrant Hilltoppers
9:15 a.m. – Holland Sunflowers
10:00 a.m. – Navarre Boosters
10:45 a.m. – Detroit Ramblers
11:30 a.m. – Jolly Jayhawkers
12:15 p.m. – Break
1:00 p.m. –

District 4-H Day

This chance to show off your presentation skills is scheduled for **Saturday, February 14** at Emmanuel Church in Abilene. The entry deadline is **January 20th**. Start planning your presentations! Video examples of 4-H Day presentations are available on our [Virtual 4-H Day page](#), thanks to the pandemic a few years ago. The link to sign up for 4-H Day is: <https://forms.gle/SY5PsukLzy4XBrhVA>. This is for all individual contests and for those age 10+ willing to serve as room monitors. For group entries, sign-up at: <https://bit.ly/CTD4hdaygroup>. Complete rules are posted on our CTD 4-H events page at https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/events/Events.html

Save the Date

Regional 4-H Day is scheduled for **March 28th in Clay Center**.

Club Secretary Books

Keep in mind that your club’s secretary’s book is an important historical document. Make sure that attendance is accurate after each meeting. This is the only way for the Awards and Recognition Committee to tell how many meetings each member has attended to meet achievement pin requirements. This is important to each member of your club.

4-H Basketball

The 4-H Basketball Tournament is scheduled for **March 14**. Sign up with your organizational leader to participate. Remember that Cloverbuds are not allowed to play. To be eligible to play, you must have re-enrolled in 4HOnline by *December 1st*. New members must have enrolled by the time rosters are due. Rosters are due to the Extension Office or entered in the online form by **February 15**. Find additional information and tournament rules on our [4-H Events page](#).

Volunteer Screening Process

Our 4-H program relies on volunteers to accomplish our Positive Youth Development goals. Part of our commitment to these goals is the need to provide a safe environment for learning. To help accomplish this, Kansas 4-H screens volunteers who work directly with youth. As a potential or current volunteer, we ask you to complete the screening process. This process, including the orientation, is done through 4HOnline. As you set up your profile, the system will take you through the volunteer application. If it's your first time applying, please complete the [Outside Background Check](#) and contact Jill for a new volunteer interview.

NOTE: once completed initially, the outside background check only needs to be completed every three years and can be accomplished by letting our office know to re-submit your information.

Online Volunteer Orientation

The Volunteer Orientation needs to be completed by everyone applying to be a 4-H volunteer. It only needs to be done one time. **You will need to be enrolled as an individual in your family's 4HOnline account to access the training.** Instructions are available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html>. The course consists of video modules and quizzes. Please let our office know when you have completed the orientation.

4-H Club New Family Mentors

In 4-H we "learn by doing" which can often cause new families to feel lost until they've experienced a 4-H event or activity. To help ease their anxiety and keep our new families engaged, clubs are asked to recruit an adult volunteer (who is not currently an organizational leader) to serve as a New Family Mentor. This individual will be responsible for checking in with new 4-H families and helping them understand more about Dickinson County 4-H, check out the [Welcome to 4-H! New Family Guide](#) for helpful information.

Radio Day Thank You

Thank you to the clubs that supported Radio Day this year. Twenty ads were sold with proceeds supporting the Dickinson County 4-H Council. Each club was asked to sell three ads, which means our basic goal was to have 33 ads sold. Thank you to the six clubs who sold ads. Council funds are used for basic support of the work done by council and our county-wide committees. Thanks to the committee and all 4-Hers who sold ads and recorded promotional spots, as well as those who will be "on-air" and answering the phone on **Saturday, December 13**.

Area and State Project Record Judging

The northeast area project record judging will occur on **January 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Manhattan**. Chisholm Trail District may send six adults to judge award applications. Previous experience working on the county awards and recognition committee is required and volunteers may only judge two years consecutively on the area level. Preference will be given to those who are available to judge the entire day, are objective and fair, and can keep confidential information. Please call or email Jill by **January 2nd** to let her know if you are interested in judging. This is a unique opportunity to see what other 4-Hers are accomplishing as well as get great ideas for completing Kansas Project Records.

- Applications to be a part of the state project record judging are due to the State 4-H Office by **mid-January**. Criteria are like those used for area judging. Please let Jill know if you would like to apply. State judging will be done online in **March**.

County Committees

In this newsletter, you will find a list of county committees as well as information about the Dickinson County 4-H Council. If you have been named to a committee, please make a commitment to being an active member of that committee. Thank you for your willingness to be a part of the county 4-H program! Contact us if your name is not listed and you would like to serve on a committee. The committee list document may also be accessed at: <https://bit.ly/ctycommittee2526>

Spring Livestock Show Committee Meetings

When: **Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 PM (Small Livestock Show), 7:30 PM (Beef Show)**

Where: CTD Abilene Office, Meeting Room

Who: Committee Members and anyone interested in helping plan the spring shows

Next 4-H Leadership SQUAD Meeting

When: **Monday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.**

Where: CTD Abilene Office, Meeting Room

Who: any 4-Her 6th grade and up interested in learning about and practicing leadership skills!

Next DK 4-H Council Meeting

When: **Monday, January 26, 7:30 PM (officers meet @ 6:45 PM)**

Where: CTD Abilene Office, Meeting Room

Who: Club 4-H council representatives – youth & adults

4-H Leadership SQUAD

All 4-H members, 6th grade and up are invited to be a part of this dynamic group! Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in February, April, June, and August. Participants promote the 4-H program, learn leadership skills, and put leadership into practice! Contact group advisors Shawna Riffel (riffelclan@eaglecom.net) or Becky Chase (r_ruthstrom@yahoo.com) with questions or just attend the next meeting!

4-H Horse Panorama

4-H Horse Panorama has been scheduled for **February 21-22** at Rock Springs Ranch. Registration will be available soon. Check the following link for information and rules for 4-H Horse Panorama: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>. Event scholarships are available from the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation up to \$50 or half the cost of registration (does not include costs for clothing). In-person opportunities include quiz bowl, hippology, and public speaking while virtual contests include logo, photography, ad layout, and others.

Horse Project Hippology

Members interested in learning more about horses (hippology) and competing at Horse Panorama in February 2026, email Katie Purdue at nursekp0068@gmail.com or leave her a message at 785-280-3540 for more information.

Dog Judge & Leader Training

The 2026 Kansas 4-H Dog Judge & Leader Training will be held at the Saline County Expo Center in Salina, Kansas, on **January 30 – February 1, 2026**. All 4-H dog shows must have certified judges for members to qualify for the State Fair Dog Show. Dog Judges & Leader Training Registration: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/trainings/dog-leader/>

Kansas 4-H Scholarships

All high school seniors and college 4-H alums are encouraged to complete the state 4-H scholarship application. Application information is posted on the Kansas 4-H website at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html> with a submission deadline of **January 5, 2026**.



SAVE THE DATE!
4-H Day with
Wildcat Women's Basketball
Sunday, March 1, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
K-State vs. Iowa State



Food Pantry Needs

According to the 4-H study of Positive Youth Development, 4-Hers are nearly 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities. But just how much can they do? The last several years, our clubs have made a huge difference in helping the food insecure in our county.

Items that are most needed by county food banks:

- *soup
- *ramen noodle soup
- *pork and beans
- *chili beans
- *canned tomato products
- *all kinds of pasta
- *rice
- *tuna
- *peanut butter
- *cereal – hot and cold
- *personal hygiene products – shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, bars of soap

Interested in the Electrical Project?

I would like to provide some details on the electrical program. My name is Virgil Kuntz, I am the leader of this program in Dickinson County. When enrolled in the Electrical program, we usually meet on Saturday mornings, starting in January through April. I set up the sessions according to the years that the members have been enrolled in this program. The 1st-year enrollment would start out with orientation to electricity, working safely with tools, and building a small entry project that can be judged at the fair. It would involve probably 2-3 morning sessions. I would like to encourage members to explore this program. We keep it fun and educational for each level. Each year enrolled, I build on the technical level to provide a challenge for the 4-H member. I have seen a lot of advancement in knowledge and skills as the members advance each year. This is a great program that can introduce someone to working with tools, where electricity comes from, and how we use it in our day.

We have many boys enrolled and I would like to encourage the girls to consider the electrical program, as it would provide life skills that would be of great benefit in their adult life. I have youth who went through this program and went on in their education to become Electrical Engineers, or various careers involving electricity. So, come explore, learn, all it would take out of your schedule is approximately 2-3 Saturday 2-hour sessions. Parents are welcome to assist in helping with their child's project. If you have questions, give me a call or text, Virgil Kuntz 785-201-8367.

Dickinson County Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration

Great work by our clubs and members assisting the Dickinson County Heritage Center with their holiday celebration. The Christmas trees looked great!

Swine and Sheep Project Starter Grants Available!

Thanks to generous local sponsors, starter grants are now available to a first-year member in both the market sheep and market swine projects. Information and applications are available on our [district 4-H events page](#). Applications must be hand-written and are due **February 1** (as this is a Sunday, applications will be accepted on February 2 by 5 PM). Those interested in taking one or both projects for the first time should apply!

Kansas Junior Producer Days Announced

The 2026 Kansas Junior Producer Day dates have been set! **Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be Saturday, March 7, with Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day scheduled for Saturday, April 11.** Both events will be hosted at Bilbrey Family Events Center in Manhattan. These events are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and management of a specific specie. Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to attend!

Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. Topics range from selection to nutrition, reproduction, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. This is a family learning event! Everyone who plans to attend must register, including both youth and adults. More information about the junior day events, including each of the flyers and registration links, is available on the @ksuylp Facebook page and the KSU YLP website: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>.

Online ZBooks Available for 4-H Record Keeping

Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and non-4-H experiences and are encouraged to summarize their project experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition. To help you through this process, please refer to the Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition. A couple of items to make note of:

- Youth may choose to use either record-keeping option: a.) the fillable PDF Project report forms or b.) the online ZBooks software. **NOTICE! ZBooks is the better choice and can be set up on mobile devices to complete throughout the year.**
- The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. If you choose to keep records with ZBooks, do not feel like you have to transfer over all of your previous years' activities into the online Permanent Record. Start with this year and attach it to your previous document.

[Click here for instructions and video tutorials for using ZBooks](#)

Kansas 4-H Wordmark Policy

The K-State Research and Extension/4-H wordmark is required on all 4-H marketing and publishing materials, including print, digital, apparel, and merchandise. **This means that if your club is creating a t-shirt, this wordmark is required.** More information about the wordmark may be found at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/>. Resources are available for local printers to work through the KSU license process.

**Kansas 4-H Accidental Insurance**

Kansas 4-H will continue to provide accidental insurance under a statewide group activity accident policy for 4-H members and volunteers through American Income Life. This benefit is provided through the \$15 annual state program fee (free to all Dickinson County 4-Hers by the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation). This policy covers members and volunteers enrolled in 4HOnline, so please make sure you are re-enrolled (or enrolled) for the new 4-H year!

Kansas 4-H Participant Code of Conduct and Volunteer Code of Ethics

As you enroll for the new 4-H year, please take time to note the participant code of conduct and volunteer code of ethics. These documents may be found at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/index.html>

Ideas to Shake Up Club Meetings**BACKWARDS MEETING:**

Start the meeting with the motion for adjournment and go from there! The entire meeting is backwards. Members and parents might even want to dress backwards. Talk about really learning the meeting order; this will do it!

MOVE TO A NEW SEAT DURING THE MEETING:

This is a seating adventure. The President could give the command: "Move two seats to your left." "Rows one and two switch seats." "End seats switch with each other." The command can be different each time. The club members will definitely be paying attention to the meeting to hear where they need to move next.

HAVE GUEST SPEAKERS:

Invite people to come visit your club. These folks might have some neat information or activities to share with you. Some ideas of people to contact include: Fire Department, Police Department, Hospital, Wildlife and Parks Department or Newspaper.

VISIT A NEW PLACE:

Club field trips are an excellent way to see what is in your community. The club can have a short meeting or incorporate the new location into the meeting. Don't forget to take pictures to document all of the club adventures!

HAVE A SECRET WORD CONTEST:

When the Secretary reads the minutes of the previous meeting, a secret word can be inserted. Members will listen closely to determine what the word is. Members who then use the word in some way during the meeting can receive a small prize. Secret word examples include: popsicle, pillow, jelly bean, clover, and armadillo.

DRAW YOUR MEETING OUT OF A HAT:

Cut up the order of the club meeting. Place the slips of paper in a hat. Draw out a slip of paper. That is the first item of the meeting. Continue until every item has been drawn out of the hat. This should make for a most interesting meeting!

Setting Project Goals!

Now is the perfect time for 4-H members to think about what they want to learn and accomplish with their projects throughout the coming year. Use the handy [Setting 4-H Project Goals](#) worksheet to document those plans for the coming year!

Need ideas for your club meetings? Check out the [Kansas 4-H Club Corner](#)!

Want to explore a project but not sure where to start? Check out the [Kansas 4-H Clover Classroom](#)!

4-H Year Calendar

A calendar full of important dates for the 2025-2026 4-H year is posted on our district [News & Newsletters](#) page. Check it out!

CKFF Suggested Changes

The following is a list of suggested changes for the 2026 Central Kansas Free Fair. Feedback should be emailed or submitted in writing to the Extension Office (chisholmtrail@listserv.ksu.edu) by **5 p.m. on February 2nd**.

Beef

- Two animals required to make a class or will go into AOB

Bucket Calf

- Participant age limit of 12 years, 4-H age
- Idea: establish a buddy system with older members in the beef project mentoring younger member starting with a barn tour

Meat Goat

- Change rule to fitting is optional. Remove artificial coloring, paint, and powder not permitted.
- Clarify that showmanship must be pre-entered
- Change rule requiring that goats must be born after January 1 (2026) to December 1 (2025)

Sheep

- Start breeding show at 5:30 PM instead of 5 PM, one hour before market show
- Change rule requiring that lambs must be born after January 1 (2026) to December 1 (2025)

Swine

- Change clipping rule to touch up clipping allowed, no snaring

General Livestock

- Suggested to move weigh-in times up on Wednesday afternoon to 2 PM

Rabbit

- For open class, release at 6 PM Thursday evening

Cat

- New superintendent needed

STEM

- New superintendent needed

Visual Arts

- Move item #4 related to performing arts to Miscellaneous/Other Projects

Banners

- Suggestion: move entry day for banners to the Saturday of Favorite Foods Show/horticulture judging contest, 10 AM to noon – would make it easier to hang banners

Open Class Art

- Add rule – no tutorials, classes, step by step copies (similar to 4-H visual art requirements?)

General Fair

- Add standard late entry fee for non-livestock 5-day grace period
- Barn dance was fun – more adult supervision needed
- Add a rule requiring dogs to be on leash on the fairgrounds

For consideration by livestock premium sale committee:

- Clarify that there are no requirements for market animals to sell in the premium sale
- Look at adding eligibility requirements for sale i.e. meeting attendance, record book completion, etc.

Follow Us on Social Media!

Facebook: @ChisholmTrailKSRE

Instagram: @chisholmtrail_ksre

2025-2026 Chisholm Trail District – Dickinson County Yearly Calendar of Events

These dates are tentative and may change. Please check emails, newsletters, & social media to verify dates.

October 2025

1: All project report forms due. Achievement pin applications, club completing, club financial report, officer books, club summary report, nominations for Family of the Year, Friends of 4-H, Key Award applications. Salute to Excellence nomination and Outstanding 4-Her due.
5-11: National 4-H Week
11-12: 48 Hours of 4-H
13: Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day – office closed
18-19: Kansas 4-H Dog Conference, Rock Springs Ranch
25-26: Shooting Sports Leader Training and Update, Cimarron
27: District 4-H Club Officer Training, Emmanuel Church, Abilene
27: SQUAD meeting

November 2025

1: County committee sign-ups are due
11: Veteran's Day observance – office closed
22-23: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Ranch
24: DK 4-H Achievement Celebration setup, Sterl Hall.
24: DK County 4-H Council
25: DK 4-H Achievement Celebration, Sterl Hall
27-28: Thanksgiving – office closed
28-Dec. 2: National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA

December 2025

1: All re-enrollments due in 4-H online
1: Club leader list, officer lists due
1: Officer training scavenger hunt due
13: Radio Day, KABI
23: Bread in a Bag workday
24-31: Office closed - holiday

January 2026

1-4: Office closed – Holiday
2: Adult volunteer applications and renewals due on 4-H online
3: District Model Meetings, Emmanuel Church
16: NE Region 4-H Project Record Book Judging, Manhattan
19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day – office closed
20: 4-H Day entries due online
26: DK County 4-H Council
30-Feb. 1: Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training, Salina

February 2026

1: Sheep and swine project starter grants due
14: District 4-H Day, Emmanuel Church, Abilene
15: 4-H Basketball entries due
15-16: Citizenship in Action, Topeka
16: President's Day – office closed
23: SQUAD meeting

March 2026

1: 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball, 1:00 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum
3-4: DK County 4-H Foundation Phone-A-Thon, CTD – Abilene office
7: Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day, Manhattan
8: Beef weigh-in and tagging, 2:00 p.m.
14: 4-H Basketball Tournament, Chapman District Gym
15: CKFF grounds clean-up
23: DK County 4-H Council
28: Regional 4-H Day, Clay Center

April 2026

- 1: All county scholarship applications due
- 4: Wild Bill Buckle Bonanza (beef)
- 11: Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan
- 11-16: National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C.
- 27: SQUAD meeting
- 28: Swine tagging
- 28-29: Youth Entrepreneurship Contest, Manhattan

May 2026

- 1: Project drop/add deadline in 4HOnline, bucket calf ID's due
- 1: State market beef nominations due
- 5: Sheep and meat goat weigh-in and tagging
- 9: Wild Bill Showdown (sheep, swine, meat goat)
- 25: Memorial Day – office closed
- 25: DK County 4-H Council (tentative will change due to Memorial Day)

June 2026

- 1: Horse ID's due
- 3-5: Discovery Days, Manhattan
- 12-14: State Geology Field Trip
- 15: CKFF King and Queen club nominations due
- 15: State nominations for commercial heifers, swine, sheep, and market goats due
- 21-26: National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship
- 22: SQUAD meeting



July 2026

- 4: Independence Day – office closed
- 8: Friends of 4-H Picnic, Sterl Hall
- 10: All CKFF fair entries due
- 9-11: Tri-County Fair, Herington
- 15: KS State Fair Livestock entries due
- 18: CKFF Horticulture Judging contest
- 18: Favorite Food Show
- 21: CKFF Dog Show
- 23: CKFF Cat Show
- 25: CKFF conference judging: foods, visual arts, home environment, photography, woodworking, STEM, energy management, forestry, entomology and geology projects
- 27: Fashion Revue and Royalty announcement, Emmanuel Church, Abilene
- 27: DK County 4-H Council meeting (tentative will change due to CKFF conflict)
- 27-Aug 3: Central Kansas Free Fair, Abilene
- 28: Central Kansas Free Fair Parade

August 2026

- 3: Central Kansas Free Fair Livestock Sale
- 5: Kansas State Fair "Intent to Exhibit" forms due online and Kansas State Fair advance ticket orders due
- 15: State Horticulture Judging contest, Manhattan
- 15: KS Junior Livestock Show entries due
- 24: SQUAD meeting

September 2026

- 7: Labor Day – office closed
- 8: Non-perishable state fair entries due
- 9: Perishable state fair entries due
- 11-20: Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 26: State Archery Match
- 28: DK County 4-H Council

2025-2026 County Commitees

4-H Day Committee					
Youth Chair	Adeline	Laughlin	JJ	785-479-0976	laughlin.laura@gmail.com
Youth Co-Chair/CR	Joss	DePew	FH	785-210-5170	josslyndepew@icloud.com
Adult	Jodi	Ehrich	W	785-479-0747	jehrich96@yahoo.com
Adult	Shawna	Riffel	N	785-479-1896	riffelclan@eaglecom.net
Member	Asher	DePew	FH	785-210-5170	martinso@ksu.edu

Spring Sheep/Swine/Meat Goat Show					
Youth Chair	Eyler	Holt	DR	785-577-6219	andyandang@sbcglobal.net
Youth Co-Chair	Steven	Bogart	HS	785-479-1803	katididdle@yahoo.com
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Adult	Loran	Lefert	FH	785-479-0379	slefert90@hotmail.com
Adult	Angela	Holt	DR	785-493-5545	andyandang@sbcglobal.net
Adult	Shawna	Riffel	N	785-479-1896	riffelclan@eaglecom.net
Adult	Quinton	Wuthnow	W	785-280-1240	quinton@premierpwrllc.com
Adult	Hayley	Wuthnow	W	785-280-3636	haley_lauer_3@hotmail.com
Member	Stockton	Bogart	HS	785-479-1803	katididdle@yahoo.com
Member	Roper	Lefert	FH	785-479-4544	slefert90@hotmail.com
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Member	Rhett	Tiernan	W	785-280-1973	tlkptiernan@gmail.com
Member	Reatta	Lefert	FH	785-479-4544	slefert90@hotmail.com
Member	Colten	Abeldt	HS	785-479-1277	loriabeldt@gmail.com
Member	Cohen	Abeldt	HS	785-341-3559	loriabeldt@gmail.com

Fair					
Youth Chair	Brogan	Woody	W	785-827-9650	woody79@students.abileneschools.org
Youth Co-Chair/CR	Eyler	Holt	DR	785-577-6219	andyandang@sbcglobal.net
Adult	Barbie	Woody	W	785-452-2107	barbiew@ksu.edu
Adult	Melody	Baetz	HS	785-564-2002	melody.naetz@gmail.com

Pizza Fundraiser					
Youth Chair	Addison	Acheson	JJ	785-366-0147	shastabrown81@gmail.com
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