

March 2026

# 4-H Update

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## GREAT THINGS HAPPENING....

Delegates at Citizenship in Action (CIA) spent the day at the Kansas State Capitol meeting with legislators, participating in tours, and connecting with new friends. Youth from across Kansas gathered to learn more about the legislative process and what it takes to be a leader in their own communities.

On Sunday, delegates discussed Kansas House Bill 2186. The following day, they had the opportunity to observe the Kansas House in session as members spoke and voted on the bill.

Several youth from our district attended, including Anah Higbie (ATB); Ian Kraemer (AR); Lena Stucky (WW); Kevin Whitmer (WW); and Brody Thompson (WW). These young leaders continue to grow their knowledge and expand their experiences through 4-H. Find more pictures on our socials.



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## OFFICES CLOSED

- May 25
- July 3

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# 4-H Calendar

## MARCH

- Mar. 1** FR CO Beef Weigh In
- Mar. 2** Blue & Gold Due
- Mar. 7** Jr. Beef Producer Day
- Mar. 7** AN CO Quilting Bee
- Mar. 14** AN Co Quilting Bee
- Mar. 16 est.** Blue & Gold Delivered
- Mar. 19** AN Co Quilt Block Challenge
- Mar. 20** Jr. Sheep Producer Day Reg. Due
- Mar. 20** AN CO Scholarship Due
- Mar. 22** AN CO Beef Weigh In
- Mar. 25** OS CO Beef Weigh In

## APRIL

- April 3** Foods Day Camp
- April 3** YQCA Training
- April 9** FR CO Small Animal Weigh In
- April. 11** Jr. Sheep Producer Days
- April. 20-24** National Volunteer Week

## MAY

- May 1** Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- May 6** AN CO Small Animal Weigh In
- May 6** OS CO Small Animal Weigh In

## JUNE

- June 3-5** Discovery Days
- June 12** -Shopping in Style day camp

## JULY

- July 8-11** Osage City Fair
- July 13-19** Franklin County Fair
- July 27-31** Anderson County Fair

## AUGUST

- Aug. 11-14** Overbrook Fair

## SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 11-20** Kansas State Fair

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**LEAD**

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 **Beyond Ready**



# A message from your 4-H Agent, Jessica Flory

## **Beyond Ready: The Work No One Sees**

Spring feels like a fresh start on our farm.

The barn fills up again. New pigs. New projects. New goals. The excitement is real—but so is the work. The first few weeks are always an adjustment. Early mornings turn into longer days. Chores multiply. Feeding, washing pens, walking pigs, and practicing over and over again. It doesn't take long before the “fun part” of picking out a project turns into the reality of daily responsibility. And that's usually when the reminders begin.

“Did you check the water?”

“Go walk your pig before supper.”

“Let's try one more time.”

Some evenings there's enthusiasm. Other evenings, there are tired sighs and slow boots walking back toward the barn. As parents, we live in that space — the space between excitement and endurance. The space where character is formed. When I was young, I didn't see what my parents were building. I just knew the chores had to get done. I knew quitting wasn't really an option. I knew showing up mattered. Looking back, I realize those ordinary farm days were shaping something much bigger than a project animal. They were shaping Confidence. Grit. Responsibility. Now, as our barn fills each spring, I see it from the other side. The confidence our kids will carry into the show ring doesn't start there. It starts now. It's built in the repetition. In the evenings when they're tired but go back out anyway. In the gentle nudges we give when motivation fades. And even for families whose projects look different — sewing at the kitchen table, practicing a speech in the living room, preparing a photography exhibit — the lesson is the same. Growth happens in the unseen work. There are no banners for consistency. No ribbons for finishing chores without being asked. But this is where Beyond Ready truly begins. These daily habits are building confidence, capability, and connection — the heart of Beyond Ready. Fair season will bring its own lessons. There will be long days, early mornings, and moments of pride. But right now, in the full barn and the steady rhythm of chores, something important is happening. We aren't just raising pigs. We aren't just completing projects. We're raising young people who are learning responsibility, resilience, and follow-through. And that's what makes them more than ready.

That's what makes them Beyond Ready!

# 2022 K-State Junior Sheep Producer 6 Day



## Date

4.11.2026

Manhattan, KS



Scan Me!



## Registration

Due: 3.20.2026

Cost: \$20/person

<https://bit.ly/SheepJrProducer>

\*All adults & youth must register to attend.

\*\*Only those registered by 3/20/26 will receive a t-shirt.

\*\*\*Late registration is \$30/person.



## Questions

Lexie Hayes



785.532.1264



[adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu)

## Program

Join us for the biennial K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Presentations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be an educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. A variety of topics will be shared, including an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. All ages and skill levels are invited! Lunch and a t-shirt are included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by March 20 or \$30/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register. There will be an optional tour of the sheep and meat goat center offered on Friday evening and Saturday after jr. day.

## Tentative Schedule

### Friday, April 10

5:00-7:00PM Optional Tour of Sheep & Goat Center

### Saturday, April 11

8:00AM Check-in

9:00AM Welcome

9:15AM Selection

10:00AM Nutrition

10:45AM Morning Breakout Sessions

-facilities & equipment, reproduction, project management purchase to show

NOON

Lunch

1:00PM Health

1:45PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions

-wool, showmanship, clipping & grooming

3:45PM Dismissal

4:00PM Optional YQCA Class

4:00-6:00PM Optional Sheep & Goat Center Tour

# MARCH

# 18, 19, & 20

LIMITED SPOTS  
AVAILABLE!  
\$10 a Day



# AVIATION DAY CAMP

Call the Frontier Office for  
More Information  
785-229-3520

Open to 4-H and  
Non 4-H Members!

QR CODE TO REGISTER



**\*After RSVP, you will receive  
an email with following  
information!\***

## Wednesday, March 18

ACTIVITIES: DODSON/OTTAWA AIRPORT  
DROP OFF/PICK UP AT:  
2110 MONTANA RD, OTTAWA, KS 66067  
\*9 AM - 3 PM  
\*WAIVERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS DAY

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

ACTIVITIES: DRONE EXPLORATION & FLIGHT  
DROP OFF/PICK UP AT:  
CB HALL, OTTAWA FAIRGROUNDS  
\*9 AM - 3 PM

## FRIDAY, MARCH 20

ACTIVITIES: TOURS IN KANSAS CITY AT THE TW A  
MUSEUM AND SIGNATURE  
DROP OFF/PICK UP AT:  
CB HALL, OTTAWA FAIRGROUNDS  
\*9 AM - 3 PM  
\*STUDENTS SHOULD PACK A LUNCH FOR THIS  
DAY





**REGISTER HERE BY  
APRIL 1, 2026!**

# JUDGE'S TRAINING



**REGISTRATION STARTING AT  
5:15 PM WITH DINNER TO  
FOLLOW AND OPENING REMARKS  
STARTING AT 6:15 PM  
EARLY REGISTRATION STARTING  
AT 3:45 PM FOR AN OPTIONAL  
EARLY SESSION AT 4:15 PM**



**\$20  
REGISTRATION  
FEE  
(INCLUDES  
DINNER)**

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This institution is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services, and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Language access requests and reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means of communication (e.g., Braille, large print, and American Sign Language), may be requested by contacting the event contact (Marissa Hurst) four weeks prior to the start of the event (March 17, 2026) at 785-243-8185 or mlhurst@ksu.edu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information, will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.

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**CLOUD COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
615  
INDUSTRIAL RD  
CONCORDIA, KS  
66901**

JOIN US FOR A

# Shopping In Style DAY CAMP

FRIDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

FROM 1-4 PM

K-STATE EXTENSION FRONTIER DISTRICT  
MEETING ROOM 411 S. OAK GARNETT, KS 66032

ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

WE WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT SHOPPING  
IN STYLE CURRICULM, COLOR  
MATCHING, OUTFIT BUILDING, POSTER  
BOARD IMPROVEMENTS, AND A  
PRACTICE FASHION REVUE .



*Improve Your Style*

*Sign Up Now*



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# Foods Day Camp

## Food and the World



To Register:



**April 3,**  
**9 AM -**  
**12:30 PM**

**1120 S Ash St,**   
**Ottawa, KS 66067**

**Cost: \$10**  
**Ages 7 - 12**

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# YQCA

**YOUTH** FOR THE  
**QUALITY CARE**  
**OF ANIMALS**

**APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**12:30 - 3:30 PM**

YQCA Web and Certification



QR Code to Register



- **Food Safety**
- **Animal Well-being**
- **Character Development**



# District Details

## Leaders have you...

### Review

- Re-enrolled?
- Looked over deadlines & dates?
- Promoted enrollment
- Checked Volunteer enrollment
- Encouraged 4-H members to ask a friend to attend meetings
- Encouraged current 4-H members to review and complete applications for KYLF, Citizenship in Action
- Reminded all 4-H members and parents who are volunteers to enroll via 4-H Online
- Provided officers and clubs leadership updates as soon as possible to the Extension Office

### To-Do

- Check mailbox at the Extension Office
- Report from 4-H Council Meetings
- Update Volunteer Renewal information
- Finalcial Review



## Animal Science Newsletter

Did you know that there is a monthly newsletter written by the KSU Animal Science Department. Be sure to check it out, as they write important topics, such as camps coming up, upcoming events, topics you might need to know in the barn. Check out the link above to find information you might need to know!



## Regional Club days

Regional Club Day will be **March 21st** at Baldwin Junior High School, 400 Eisenhower St, Baldwin City, KS 66006. A link for sign up will be sent to those eligible to participate. Registration will open **March 11th**, and close **March 18th**! Be sure to review the guidelines! The Communication Fact Sheets and score sheets are also helpful resources. As well, be on the look out for room monitor sign ups! Be sure to support your friends at Regionals.



## Spring Shows, Camps, Clinics & Local Events

Did you know that the State Office has created a list of spring shows, camps, clinics and local events that you have the opportunities to attend. Follow the link to find flyers for these event to add to your calendar. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office!



## Rock Spring Camp

Camp Season 2026 is officially here! Registration is open, and families are invited to explore the many opportunities 4-H Camp offers at Rock Springs Ranch. This summer features half-week and full-week camp sessions in June and July, along with four LIT and four CIT leadership sessions. Rising 6th–9th graders can choose from specialty camps like Ranch, Shooting Sports, Cooking, and Outdoor Camp, while younger campers can enjoy two Family Camps and a Mini Camp for rising 1st–3rd graders. Although there is no early-bird discount this year, Campership scholarships are available through local Extension offices to help make camp accessible to all. Get ready for a summer of fun, learning, and adventure—see more details and register today!

# District Details

## Member/Volunteer Enrollment

Please note that 4HOnline emails are now only sent to those who are fully enrolled, so completing your enrollment is the only way to receive important updates, deadlines, and program information. The final due date to enroll and to add or drop projects is May 1. Be sure to add all projects and/or clubs during enrollment—project years should auto-populate, but if they do not, please contact the office for assistance. Families are also encouraged to review and update email addresses and phone numbers for each member and volunteer to ensure accurate communication. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Extension Office.

- [Click here to enroll](#)
- Create an account
- Select your participation type
- Choose your county & club
- Select your projects (remember, once you have enrolled, if you need to add more, message your Extension Office.)
- Review consent forms, there are more this year!
- Enter member information
- Click submit!
- To Add/Drop Projects, please call the office!



## Important Livestock Dates

Check out the Youth Livestock Program Newsletter or “like” the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program on Facebook!

**4/20/26:** Last day to order Market Beef DNA Envelopes for Nominations

**5/1/26:** Market Beef Nominations Due for KSF & KJLS

**6/5/26:** Last day to order Small Animal Livestock DNA Envelopes for nominations

**6/15/26:** Commercial Heifer, ALL Swine, ALL Sheep and ALL Meat Goat Nominations Due for KSF & KJLS.

**9/11-20/26:** Kansas State Fair

**10/2-4/26:** Kansas Jr. Livestock Show



## KSF & KJLS Information

Families planning to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show will need to Order DNA envelopes. Families will purchase envelopes directly through ShoWorks for each animal to be nominated. The cost will be \$12/animal.

1) DNA envelope orders will close **April 20th** for market beef and **June 5th** for small livestock. Families must get envelopes ordered early! DO NOT WAIT!

2) Market Beef Nominations due **May 1st**. Commercial Heifer, ALL Swine, ALL Sheep and ALL Meat Goat Nominations are due **June 15th**.

3) NOTE: ENTRY IS ONLINE ONLY!



## Additional Livestock Information

This website has some excellent information for Livestock Projects and Programs through Kansas State University's Youth Livestock Program. It highlights a variety of events like spring shows, producer days, and educational activities that help youth learn about livestock selection, care, and showing. You'll also find state nomination details, including deadlines and requirements for nominating animals for major shows such as the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show, as well as important EID tag information and health resources to make sure your animals are eligible and properly identified for competition.



# District Details



## Keeping Track of Project Goals

After choosing project goals, it is important to keep track of what you have learned and accomplished. What new skills have been gained? Who is helping you along the way? Here is your reminder to take pictures and notes to make filling out PRRF's so much easier! There are resources to help members!



## National Agriculture Month

Agriculture is Kansas' largest industry and March has been proclaimed Kansas Agriculture Month. Additionally, **March 24, 2026** has been declared Kansas Agriculture Day. Follow the link to learn more about how to celebrate!



## IPM Insect Art Contest

The K-State Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas! This year's theme is "Metamorphosis Magic." The goal is to explore insects that undergo complete and incomplete metamorphosis, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Artwork may include drawings or paintings, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass, or other creative media. Entries must be received or postmarked before **April 15, 2026**.



## Entomology Meeting

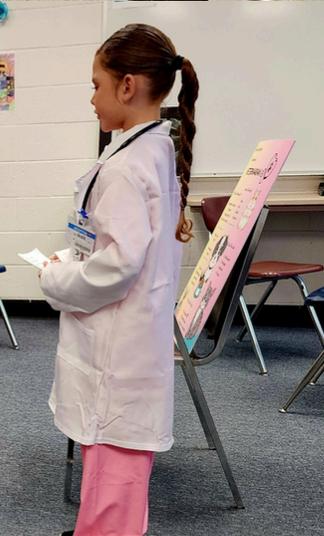
Time to get some new insect specimens identified! You will work on this at the **March 14th** Entomolog project meeting at the Allen County Extension Office beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please bring the insects you need help getting identified. Parents please bring your laptop or a zip drive so we can get the insect labels spreadsheet on your computer for you to use. Vicky Wallace will plan on staying a little later in the afternoon to help new families pin more insects, so bring you pinning supplies and insects to pin. For any questions, please contact Vicky Wallace at [vicky.wallace55@gmail.com](mailto:vicky.wallace55@gmail.com) or (620)804-9170.

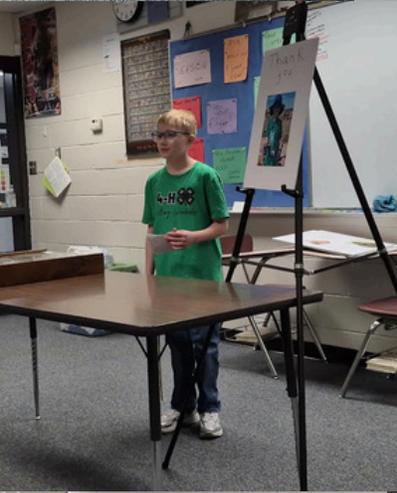
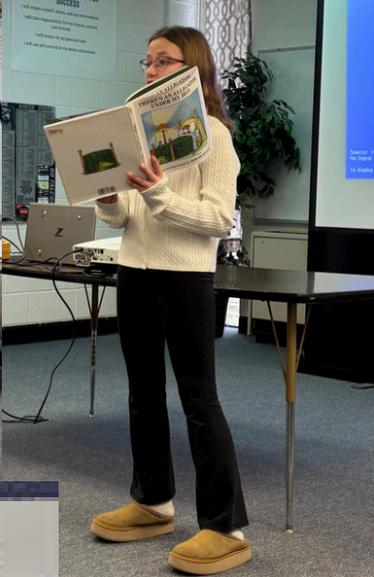
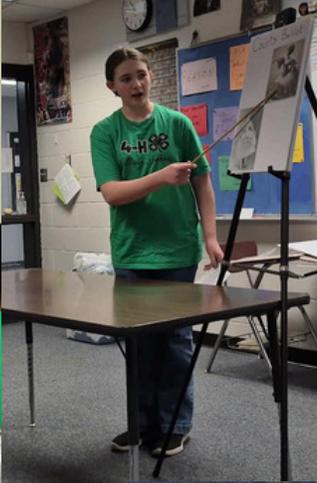


## Walk Kansas

Walk Kansas is a team-based program that helps participants lead a healthier life, be more active with friends and family, make better nutrition choices and walk away stress. Walk Kansas dates are **March 22nd - May 16th, 2026**.







# Anderson Activities

## County Council Committees

National 4-H Week	All Clubs
Achievement Night Celebration	Seekers Not Slackers
County Wide Fun Event	Cherry Mound
County Wide Community Service	Seekers Not Slackers
Club Days	Cherry Mound
Recognition of 4-H Seniors	Star Shooting
District Wide Day Camp	Lucky 13
New Member Event	All Clubs
After Fair Clean Up Party Treats	Star Shooting
District Activity	Lucky 13



### 4-H Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be **March 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting Room.** Be sure to attend and represent your club as there must be a leader and youth representative from each club at every meeting in order for the club to be on track to receive a purple seal at year's end.



### Animal Weigh-In and Tagging Dates

Beef: **March 22, 2026, 2-4 p.m. at Ron Ratliff Cattle Co.-Buying Station, 25982 NW Mitchell Rd., Garnett.**

Small Animal: **May 6, 2026, 5-7 p.m. at the fair grounds**

**Note:** Per Fair board rules, all tagging for county fair will be done at weigh-in only. If missed, the animal will be ineligible to be shown at the Anderson County Fair.



### Quilting Opportunities

We have 3 upcoming sewing and quilting opportunities. They are on **March 7th, March 14th, and March 19th.** The first two dates will be to sew together the quilt blocks that were entered in the fair last year for the Quilt Block Challenge. The third date will be to design and make a quilt block to be entered in this year's Quilt Block Challenge at the fair. For details, see the flyers below.



### Scholarships

Anderson County 4-H Council Scholarship Application - Due March 20<sup>th</sup>

Anderson County 4-H Scholarship and Grant Corley Memorial Scholarship Application - Due March 20<sup>th</sup>



### Blue & Gold Fundraiser

**All orders and money are due to the Extension Office by March 2, 2026.** Delivery is expected the week of March 16, 2026. The exact date will be announced closer to that time. Please call the office if you can help on delivery day. Please make sure to make plans to have your orders picked up that day. We do not have the space to hold orders. Remember these items are perishable and need to be delivered/placed in a freezer ASAP!



### Fair Award Sponsorships

**Become a Fair Award Sponsor and help celebrate the dedication and accomplishments of our youth!** Your support encourages learning, responsibility, and growth. It also ensures that more 4-H members receive recognition and awards for their year's work. Friends and relatives—even those who do not live in the area—are welcome to become sponsors. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor an award, please contact the Frontier District Extension Office in Garnett at 785-448-6826.

Join us for a...



# QUILTING BEE!

**SATURDAY MARCH 7  
9AM-12PM**

**SATURDAY MARCH 14  
9AM-12 PM**

COME FOR ONE DAY OR BOTH DAYS AT  
THE FRONTIER EXTENSION DISTRICT GARNETT OFFICE - 411 S. OAK

**CALL TO RESEVE A SPOT**

We will be preparing the quilt top for the  
Anderson County 4-H Scholarship Fund quilt  
raffle held at the Anderson County Fair



- All youth 7 years and older welcome (Parents too)
- Any 4-H Member and Non Member welcome
- If you can bring your own sewing machine please let us know during registration.
- When the top is prepared, the quilt will be sent to the quilter!

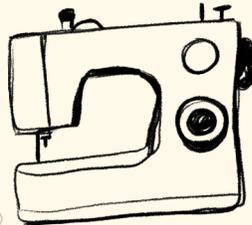
For more information, contact **Sidney Harris** at  
[sidneyh@ksu.edu](mailto:sidneyh@ksu.edu) or 785-448-6826

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# QUILT BLOCK CHALLENGE



Quilt Blocks made based on the theme:

**The Anderson County Fair Is Poppin' with Fun.**

-  All youth 7 years and older welcome
-  Any 4-H member and Non Member welcome
-  If you can bring your own sewing machine please let us know during registration.

**Thursday, March 19th  
9 am to 12 pm**

**411 S. Oak, Garnett,  
KS 66032**

-  Purchase a quilt block packet for \$3.00 cash at Country Fabrics 108 E 5th Ave, Garnett, KS 66032, and bring 1 or 2 additional pre-washed cotton fabrics to coordinate with the challenge fabrics.
-  Blocks will be entered in the 2026 Fair and kept by the Quilt Guild after the fair; the blocks will later be made into a quilt that is raffled to support the Anderson County 4-H Scholarship!
-  Learn to make a quilt block in the class taught by members of Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild
-  Register by K-State Extension's Frontier District Garnett Office at 785-448-6826 by February 28th, 2026

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# 4-H BEEF WEIGH-IN ANDERSON COUNTY MARCH 22

✓ Will be located at the Ron Ratliff  
Cattle Co-Buying Station  
25982 NW Mitchell Rd., Garnett, KS

✓ Per Fair board rules, all tagging  
for county fair will be done at  
weigh-in only

✓ If missed, the animal will be  
ineligible to be shown at the  
Anderson County Fair



2 - 4 PM



# 4-H SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN ANDERSON COUNTY MAY 6

Will be located at the Garnett  
Fairgrounds

✓ 700 N Lake Rd, Garnett, KS  
66032

✓ Per Fair board rules, all tagging  
for county fair will be done at  
weigh-in only

✓ If missed, the animal will be  
ineligible to be shown at the  
Anderson County Fair



5 - 7 PM



# Osage Opportunities

## County Council

April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
 Leader's Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
 Lyndon Extension Office

County Wide Fundraiser	MJH
Club Day	NO
Achievement Night Celebration	WW
District Wide Day Camp	Ambassadors
Council By-laws & National 4-H Week	BG
District Wide Event	LL

## Save The Date:

**Blue & Gold Sales:** Jan/Feb  
 Due Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Delivered week of  
 March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Osage City Fair:** July 8-11

**Overbrook Fair:** August 11-14



## Shooting Sports Schedule

Sundays at 2 p.m., starting February 1st through March 1st at the Osage City Fair Pavilion. Members must be 8 years old by January 1st to participate. Some disciplines have other age restrictions. Shooters MUST attend the first date of discipline safety training, review the 4-H Code of Conduct, and complete all paperwork. Direct any questions to Dustin Eiche at 785-633-6802 or dseiche@hotmail.com



## Spring Tagging and Weigh In

**Beef: March 25th, 2026; 4-6 p.m.** at the Osage City Fairgrounds. This will include all cattle (breeding, market and bucket calf). Bucket calves may be tagged at either tagging date.

**Small Animal: May 6th, 2026, 4-6 p.m.** at the Osage City Fairgrounds. Small animals include: bucket calf, and market and breeding swine, sheep and goat. Youth enrolled in Breeding beef, Dairy, Market and Breeding Meat Goat, Sheep, and Swine must own and have possession of animals by **May 15th**. Youth enrolled in the Rabbit and Poultry project must own/have possession of animals by **June 15th**. A bucket calf must have been born **Jan. 1st-May 1st** of the current 4-H year.



## Event Scholarship Information

Osage County 4-H Council will offer a \$50 scholarship to properly enrolled Osage County 4-H members who attend any out-of-county event (4-H Camp, Discovery Days, KYLF, CIA, etc.). For camp only, the scholarship will be reimbursed to the camper upon returning from the event and submitting proof of payment to the Office. All other scholarships will be taken off the price when payment is made in the Office. Please contact the Office with questions.

# 4-H BEEF WEIGH-IN OSAGE COUNTY MARCH 25

- ✓ Will be located at the Osage City fairgrounds: 25 Safford Street, Osage City, KS 66523
- ✓ This will include all cattle (breeding, market and bucket calf)
- ✓ Bucket calves may be tagged at either tagging date



4 - 6 PM



# 4-H SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN OSAGE COUNTY MAY 6

- ✓ Will be located at the Osage City fairgrounds: 25 Safford Street, Osage City, KS 66523
- ✓ Small animals include: bucket calf, and market and breeding swine, sheep and goat
- ✓ Youth enrolled in Breeding beef, Dairy, Market and Breeding Meat Goat, Sheep, and Swine must own and have possession of animals by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Youth enrolled in the Rabbit and Poultry project must own/have possession of animals by June 15th. A bucket calf must have been born Jan. 1st-May 1st of the current 4-H year



4 - 6 PM



# Franklin Festivities

## County Council

Jan. 26th, 7:00 p.m. @  
Commission Chambers, 1418 S.  
Main, in Ottawa (down the hall  
from the Extension Office)

Club Day	RR
District Wide Day Camp	BGG & AR
Livestock Buyer Appreciation	SH
National 4-H Week Marketing	FOP & SS
Achievement Night Celebrations	RW
District Wide Event	PGB
Community Service & Fair Goody Plates	AT

## Save The Date:

2026 Franklin County Fair:  
July 13-19, 2026



## Leadership 101

Join us for Frontier District Leadership Night on **March 30, 2026**, from 6–8 PM at the Commission Chambers (1418 S. Main, Ottawa) in place of council. Youth and adults of all ages are invited to build leadership skills, connect with others, and have fun. Dinner provided. RSVP by **March 23, 2026**. We hope to see you there!



## Scholarships

[Franklin County Farm Bureau](#) - April 1st, 2026  
[Ottawa Co-op](#) - April 1st, 2026  
[Kansas Livestock Association](#) - Multiple



## Livestock Weigh-In & Tagging

Small Animal - **April 9th, 2026**; 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Fair grounds, 220 W. 17th, in Ottawa. Small animal includes Swine, Sheep, and Goat. We will only be using EID Tags.

Again this year we only will be using ED tags for all animals. They will cost \$3.00 a tag, and you must pay for tags at weigh in. There will no longer be invoices, so please have exact change or check available at weigh-in.



## 2026 Fair Rule Changes

Please read over the attached document to see the 2026 Livestock Rule Changes for the Franklin County Fair. For any questions, please call the office.

- Also note

# 4-H BEEF WEIGH-IN FRANKLIN COUNTY MARCH 1

- ✓ Located at Cottonwood Animal Hospital, 3161 K-68, in Ottawa, KS
- ✓ If a family cannot attend on March 1, they must contact the Extension Office prior to March 1 to make arrangements for tagging



2 - 4 PM



# FRANKLIN COUNTY

We are excited to be offering a leadership night in the Frontier Extension District at the Commission Chambers, **1418 S. Main, in Ottawa** (down the hall from the Extension Office) Youth and adults will learn to communicate, collaborate, and lead with confidence—while having fun and meeting new people. Don't miss this chance to grow, learn, and shine the 4-H way! All ages are encouraged to attend our event. Dinner will be served. If you plan to attend, please **RSVP by March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**. Come build your best self at our 4-H Youth Leadership Training! We hope to see you there!

**RSVP BY MARCH 23**

QR code for RSVP



**LEADERSHIP 101 COURSE**

**30 MAR  
2026**

**6 PM - 8 PM**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
1418 S. MAIN, OTTAWA KS**

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# 4-H SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN

FRANKLIN COUNTY

APRIL 9

- ✓ Located at at the Fair grounds, 220 W. 17th, in Ottawa, KS
- ✓ Small animal includes market sheep, market swine, market and breeding meat goat
- ✓ May 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day to tag small animals



4 - 6 PM

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**Fair Registration Opens on June 1st. All Forms are due to the office by June 15th (Pure Bred Papers, Family Nominations, FR CO. Born & Bred, Fair Registration)**

Divison	Gender	Date of Tagging and weigh-In	Date of Ownership	Pure Bred Due (in child's name by May 1)	Family Nominations	FR Co. Born & Bred	USDA Scrapies Tag
Market Beef	Steer or Heifer	1-Mar	1-Mar	15-Jun	15-Jun	15-Jun	
Breeding Beef	Heifer	1-Mar	1-Mar	15-Jun	15-Jun	15-Jun	
Bucket Calves	Steer of Heifer	Do not tag	1-May	None	15-Jun	Do Not Do	
Market Sheep	Wether or Ewe	9-Apr	1-May	None	15-Jun	15-Jun	Must have before Tagging and Weigh-In
Breeding Sheep	Ewe	Do not tag	1-May	None	15-Jun	15-Jun	Must have before Tagging and Weigh-In
Market Meat Goats	Wether or Doe	9-Apr	1-May	None	15-Jun	15-Jun	Must have before Tagging and Weigh-In
Breeding Meat Goats	Doe	9-Apr	1-May	15-Jun	15-Jun	15-Jun	Must have before Tagging and Weigh-In
Market Swine	Barrow or Gilt	9-Apr	1-May	15-Jun	15-Jun	15-Jun	
Breeding Swine	Gilt	Do not tag	1-May	15-Jun	15-Jun	15-Jun	
Dairy Cattle	Heifer/Cows	Do not tag	1-May	15-Jun	15-Jun	Do Not Do	
Dairy Goats	Does	Do not tag	1-May	None	15-Jun	Do Not Do	Must have before Tagging and Weigh-In

# Handy Links!

Please follow the links for more information

## [4-H Policy](#)

The current KSRE and 4-H practices cover the new requirements and are now included as a reference in the policy.

## [Electronic Treasurers Book](#)

An electronic version of the Treasurer's Book is available for any club or group to use. Located at the bottom of page on the club resource's page!

## [Helpful Resources](#)

Here are some resources to help guide you in projects, or any national curriculum that might be helpful!

## [Raffle Policy and Guidelines](#)

Any Extension unit-affiliated group (e.g. 4-H club, 4-H project group, etc.) wanting to conduct a raffle must first fill out and submit an application.

## [Frontier District Website](#)

This is our website that holds lots of great information!

## [Frontier District Facebook](#)

Follow us on Facebook for updated information!

## [Kansas 4-H Website](#)

This is the Kansas 4-H website and is an excellent resource. Information about state events, project materials and the state 4-H newsletter is available.

## [Kansas Clover Classroom](#)

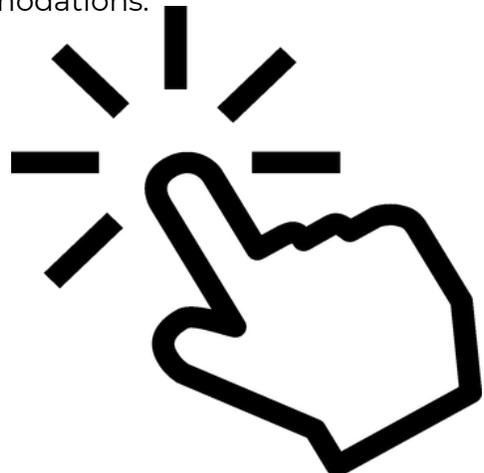
The Kansas Clover Classroom is an amazing 4-H project supplemental guide available to 4-H families.

## [District Wide Project Leaders](#)

A list of District-wide projects and leaders is available to Frontier District 4-H members.

## [Disabilities Accommodations Request Form](#)

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires persons with disabilities be provided "reasonable" accommodations and prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. Accommodations are generally considered reasonable if they don't change the fundamental nature of the program or alter the essential criteria for participation. Accommodations meeting these standards should typically be provided. Reasonable accommodations are determined through an interactive process between the community member and local and State 4-H Offices. It is essential for the Accommodation Request Form to be filled out FIRST at the local level in collaboration with a local Extension Professional to launch a formal accommodations process. Because it can take time to plan for accommodations, KSRE requests this form be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the event/activity. Submitting a request on shorter notice may reduce and/or limit any ability to implement accommodations.



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