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4-H Update



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GREAT THINGS HAPPENING....

The Frontier District is pleased to introduce Sidney Harris as the new 4-H Youth Development Program Manager at the Anderson County Office! Originally from Maize, Kansas, Sidney grew up participating in cheer and taking on numerous leadership opportunities throughout high school. In college, she leaned into her western heritage, becoming involved in rodeo and educational leadership through agriculture.

Sidney graduated from Kansas State University in December with a degree in Educational Studies. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her grandma, attending concerts with friends, relaxing at the lake, and hanging out with family and friends at home. She joined the community through teaching in August and quickly realized she missed the agricultural connection that had played such an important role in her life. Now, she is excited to be part of the 4-H community and looks forward to building strong connections throughout Anderson County. Feel free to stop in the Anderson Office to meet and welcome her!



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JEANETTE RETIRED!

Wishing Jeanette Stinebaugh a happy and well-deserved retirement! Thank you for your years of dedication, leadership, and the lasting impact you've made on so many.



DISTICT CLUB DAYS

Please refer to page 9 for information!

OFFICES CLOSED

- February 16
- May 25

4-H Calendar

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 13** OS CO Leadership 101 RSVP Due
- Feb. 13** Jr. Beef Producer Day Reg. Due
- Feb 13** FR CO YEC Reg. Due
- Feb. 23** OS CO Leadership 101
- Feb. 26** FR CO YEC
- Feb. 28** Frontier Dis. Club Days

MARCH

- Mar. 1** FR CO Beef Weigh In
- Mar. 2** Blue & Gold Due
- Mar. 7** Jr. Beef Producer Day
- Mar. 16 est.** Blue & Gold Delivered
- 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

MAY

- May 6** AN CO Small Animal Weigh In
- May 6** OS CO Small Animal Weigh In

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

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 **Beyond Ready**



A message from your 4-H Agent, Jessica Flory

Beyond Ready Is a Journey

I was that little girl who didn't want to leave her mother. I remember standing at the edge of the room, holding tightly to her hand, unsure if I really belonged. Speaking up felt overwhelming, and the idea of standing in front of others to share my thoughts was intimidating. But slowly—meeting by meeting, year by year—something changed. With the steady support of my parents, caring club leaders, and a 4-H Agent who believed in me even when I didn't fully believe in myself, I grew. I learned that it was okay to be nervous. I learned that my voice mattered. And I learned that confidence doesn't appear all at once—it's built through encouragement, practice, and patience. Today, I'm an adult who can stand in front of a group, speak clearly, and share ideas in my professional life. That didn't happen overnight. It happened because of 4-H. That's what Beyond Ready is all about.

Beyond Ready reminds us that 4-H isn't just preparing youth for a single event or project—it's preparing them for life. It's a journey of growth that helps young people become confident, capable, and connected. Along the way, youth develop communication skills, resilience, leadership, and a sense of belonging that carries far beyond their 4-H years.

This month, many of our clubs will host Club Days, giving youth the opportunity to stand up and give talks to their peers. For some, it will be exciting. For others, it may feel scary—and that's okay. These moments are part of the Beyond Ready journey. Each time a young person takes that brave step forward, they're becoming more than ready. They're becoming Beyond Ready.



Beyond Ready

THE PRIMARY AREAS FOR GROWTH AMONG KANSAS 4-H MEMBERS ARE:

- SETTING AND PURSUING GOALS
- EMBRACING CHALLENGES AND NEW DISCOVERIES
- DEVELOPING A HOPEFUL SENSE OF PURPOSE

KANSAS 4-H YOUTH:

94% REPORTED RECEIVING QUALITY EXPERIENCES IN 4-H.

79% REPORTED MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT IN 4-H

- IDENTIFIED STRONG AND POSITIVE CONNECTIONS WITH CARING ADULTS
- IDENTIFIED GIVING BACK TO OTHERS AS A KEY OUTCOME OF THE 4-H PROGRAM



Beyond Ready

BUILDING A READY GENERATION

3x MORE LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

2x MORE LIKELY TO REPORT LIVING LIFE WITH PURPOSE

2x MORE LIKELY TO HAVE THE GOAL OF BEING A LEADER



MARCH

18, 19,

& 20



AVIATION DAY CAMP

**25 Spots
Available!**

**Will be Located
in Ottawa, KS**

**Call the Frontier Office
for More Information**

785-229-3520

**QR code for
Registration**



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2026

K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY

Program

Join us on March 7, 2026, for the biennial K-State Junior Beef Producer Day! This event is a fun-filled educational day for youth, parents, beef project leaders, ag teachers, and extension agents to expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, students, and guest speakers will cover topics that may include selection, nutrition, daily care, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification class will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt will also be provided for those who register by the deadline. The registration fee is \$20 per person for those who sign up by February 13. The fee will increase to \$30 per person for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 13 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending the event must register, including youth and adults.



Tentative Schedule

8:00AM	Check-in
9:00AM	Welcome
9:15AM	Project Selection
10:00AM	Morning Breakout Sessions -Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Care, Grooming & Fitting
Noon	Lunch
1:00PM	Afternoon Breakout Sessions -Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
3:15PM	Dismissal
3:30PM	Optional YQCA Class

Registration

Deadline: February 13
 Fee: \$20/person
 Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/BeefJrProducer>
 Late Registration: \$30/person (after February 13)



Scan Me!

*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.
 **Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.

Questions?

Lexie Hayes

☎ 785.532.1264 ✉ adhayes@ksu.edu

Registration Due
February 13



K-State, County Extension Councils, Extension Districts, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating. All educational programs and materials available without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.



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



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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

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!



[Kansas Clover Classroom](#)

The Kansas Clover Classroom is an amazing 4-H project supplemental guide available to 4-H families. Taking photos, designing a cabinet, building rockets, collecting insects, tending to livestock...those activities are part of a much bigger, project-based learning process to prepare youth for the future. Which challenge will you take on?



[Entomology Meetings](#)

We are learning about what is in and on an insect head. Come join us on February 14th for the SE Kansas Entomology project meeting. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office meeting room. We will be pinning insect specimens again, so bring your pinning boards and supplies and 3 or 4 insects to pin. 4-Hes if you need to practice a talk or demonstration for Club Day on any project, we would be glad to listen to your presentation. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

Attached you will find the T-Shirt Design Contest for Insect Spectacular 2026.



[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**.

DISTRICT CLUB DAYS

District Club Days

District Club Day will be **February 28, 2026**, at West Franklin High School, 510 E Franklin St, Pomona, KS 66076. Youth may participate in group and/or individual events (ex: model meeting, gavel games, choir, demonstration, project talk, reading, career exploration, etc.). Regardless of what a member decides to do, the guidelines should be reviewed. Other helpful resources are the score sheets and the Communication Fact Sheets. All Frontier District 4-H members are encouraged to participate in the eventful day! A registration link will be available **January 26th** through **February 9th** at 8:00 a.m. Participants registering as individuals will need to register separately. Groups, duos and ensembles will need to be registered by ONE person. Use this link! Be sure to have the oldest participant's name and age. Each 4-H club will be assigned a room and will be responsible for making sure someone is in charge of the room at all times. Those clubs sharing a room should contact each other to make arrangements for monitoring responsibilities. Those assignments will be sent to club leaders. Direct all questions to the Extension Office. Regional Club Day information will be available in next month's newsletter.

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.



Fair Ad Sales

Each club leader has received the fair ads assigned to their club for this year. All completed ad forms, non-sold ads, and collected payments are due to the Extension Office by February 23.

Clubs are responsible for selling the fair ads they receive. Funds raised through ad sales help cover the cost of publishing and printing the annual fair book. Please visit the assigned business(es) to ask if they would like to place an ad in this year's fair book.

If a business requests an invoice, please stop by the Extension Office to pick one up, return it to the business, collect the payment, and then submit both the payment and completed form to the office by the due date.



Blue & Gold Fundraiser

We are selling Blue and Gold Meats (bacon, Sausage, and chicken strips) as a fundraiser again this year. This is a great fundraiser as most of the county is familiar with the products. Proceeds will be divided between 4-H Council and the 4-H Clubs. Packets have been handed out to club leaders. **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.



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.

Important Message from Anderson County Fair Board

November 17, 2025



Dear 4-H and FFA Families,

As we prepare for the upcoming Anderson County Fair, we would like to share important updates to the livestock sale process that affect our 4-H members. We understand that change can be challenging, and we aim to provide clarity regarding the decision-making process behind these updates.

In 2023, a rule change at the state level permitted 4-H animals to be sold through auction while still being eligible to participate in state and national competitions. This development placed the decision in the hands of local fair boards regarding the adoption of a premium-only system. The Anderson County Fair Board carefully considered this change, seeking to develop a thoughtful and fair approach for our 4-H members.

Key Decisions and Details:

1. Auction Privilege: The Anderson County Fair Board will continue to enable 4-H members to sell two animals at the sale ring. This is a privilege that very few fairs in our state offer, and we are proud to support our youth in this capacity.

2. Hybrid Sale Option for 2026: After thorough discussion and consideration, the Fair Board has voted to implement a hybrid sale option for this year's event (2026). This will provide families with more choices regarding how to sell their animals.

3. Sale Options:

- Each 4-H member will have the option to select "premium only" for ONE of the animals they are selling.
- The second animal must be sold with both a premium and a base bid.
- Members may opt for a base bid on both animals if they prefer.

4. Fee Structure: To ensure the success of the sale and cover various expenses (including the buyer's dinner and supplies), the Fair Board voted to increase the sale fees from \$15 to \$20 per animal. The \$20 fee for premium-only animals must be paid up front to the sale committee. If the animals are sold with a base bid, the sale fees will be deducted from the check for the animals.

We hope this communication clarifies the rationale behind the rule change and provides you with a better understanding of the thoughtful decisions made by the Fair Board. Our aim is to support our 4-H families while ensuring the sustainability and integrity of the Anderson County Fair.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns- andersoncofair@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Anderson County Fair Board

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

February-attend Leadership 101 event

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. 2nd, Delivered week of
March 16th.

Osage City Fair: July 8-11

Overbrook Fair: August 11-14



Leadership 101

Come and expand your Leadership Skills! All Osage County 4-H members and adults are encouraged to attend this Leadership Event. This event will be held Monday, February 23rd from 6-8 p.m. at the Lyndon Community Building. Dinner will be provided. This is a great opportunity to work on Leadership skills with other 4-H members from around the county! [Please RSVP by Friday, February 13th here.](#) If you have any questions, please contact the office.



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.



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OSAGE COUNTY

We are excited to be offering a leadership night in the Frontier Extension District at the **Lyndon Community Building**. 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 February 13th, 2026**. Come build your best self at our 4-H Youth Leadership Training! We hope to see you there!

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 13TH



with the LINK in the caption



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LEAD

LEADERSHIP 101 COURSE

**23 FEB
2026**

6 PM - 8 PM

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COMMUNITY BUILDING
205 W 10TH
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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 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



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



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

Beef: **March 1st, 2026**; 2-4 p.m. at Cottonwood Animal Hospital, 3161 K-68, in Ottawa. We will only have EID Tags this year.

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.



Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge

The Franklin County YEC – 2025–2026 Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge Series will take place on **Thursday, February 26, 2026**, at 8:00 AM CST on the second floor of the Gangwish/Gibson Building at Ottawa University. YEC is a program designed to help middle and high school students develop and showcase their business ideas—similar to a mini “Shark Tank.” Participants create an executive summary, give a 4–6 minute presentation, and share their concept in a tradeshow-style pitch, with each part making up one-third of their total score. The competition is free to enter, with business applications due **February 13, 2026**, and judge sign-ups due **February 2**. The event is organized by Paul Bean and aims to build creativity, communication, and real-world problem-solving skills in young entrepreneurs.



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.



Save The Date:

2026 Franklin County Fair:
July 13-19, 2026

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



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 1st is the last day to tag small animals



4 - 6 PM

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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](#)

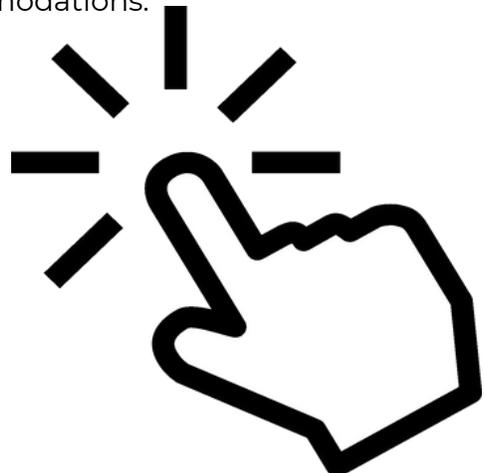
This is the Kansas 4-H website and is an excellent resource. Information about state events, project materials and the state 4-H newsletter is available.

[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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