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4-H UPDATE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7, 2026	Formal Dinner, Western Theme, 13-18 year olds
March 7, 2026	Junior Beef Producer Day Saturday, March 7, Bilbery Family Events Center, Manhattan.
March 14, 2026	Beef Weigh-in and tagging, Heartland Vet
March 14, 2026	Meat Goat Clinic, Farm Bureau Bldg, Cheney Fairgrounds, 1:00-3:00 pm
March 15, 2026	County Scholarship Applications Due to office
March 21, 2026	Dairy Cow Clinic, Cheney Fairgrounds
March 22, 2026	Regional 4-H Day, Mulvane
March 28, 2026	4-H Contest Day - Skill-a-thon, Photography, FCS
April 15, 2026	Owned by date for small animals
April 25-26, 2026	Spring Livestock Show and small animal tagging



From the Desk of..... Stephanie Hays

Hello 4-H Families!

Spring in Sedgwick County always brings a renewed sense of energy. Our barns are filling, workshops are beginning, meetings are buzzing with ideas, and youth are digging into their projects with excitement. This is one of my favorite times of the year because you can truly see growth happening, not just in projects, but in confidence, responsibility, and leadership.

Now is the perfect time for youth to pause and reflect on their goals. What do they hope to learn this year? What skills do they want to improve? Strong 4-H experiences don't happen by accident they happen when young people are intentional. Encourage your 4-H'er to write down goals in their project books and begin tracking their progress. Small steps taken now lead to big accomplishments later.

I also encourage families to stay connected and engaged beyond club meetings. Our county calendar is full of clinics, workshops, leadership opportunities, and service events designed to help youth discover their "spark." Participation in county-wide activities builds friendships, strengthens skills, and helps youth feel part of something bigger than themselves.

Finally, thank you. Thank you to our volunteer leaders who pour countless hours into mentoring youth. Thank you to families who make meetings, practices, and events a priority. And thank you to our young people who continue to step forward, try new things, and grow through both successes and setbacks. 4-H is more than projects, it is a community committed to preparing today's youth for tomorrow's world. I am honored to serve alongside each of you.

Here is to a season of growth, learning, and thriving together.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY 4-H



Making the Best Better!



4-H Calendar of Events

2026

- March 7** Junior Beef Producer Day Saturday, March 7, Bilbery Family Events Center, Manhattan, Registration deadline: TBA
- March 7** Fiber Arts Project Meeting, Extension Office, 1:00 - 4:30 pm
- March 7** Formal Dinner
- March 14** **Beef Weigh-in, Heartland Vet, 9:00-11:00 am**
- March 14** **Meat Goat Clinic, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Farm Bureau Bldg., Cheney Fair Grounds**
- March 14** **Uncrewed Aircraft Systems event, Salina K-State Campus, 9:30 am - 6:00 pm**
- March 15** **County Scholarship Applications Due to office**
- March 21** **Dairy Cow Day, Cheney Fairgrounds, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**
- March 22** Regional 4-H Day, Mulvane
- March 28** GoCreate Open House, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- March 28** **4-H Contest Day, Extension Office, 2:00-4:00 pm**
- April TBD** National 4-H Conference
- April 4** **Ag Tech Day, Moundridge, KS, (see flyer)**
- April 4** Shutterbug Photography Workshop, Manhattan, Midwest Dream Car Museum, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- April 11** Junior Sheep Producer Day Saturday, April 11, Bilbery Family Events Center, Manhattan
Registration deadline:TBA
- April 18** **Livestock Barn Clean-up for Spring show - 8:00 am - done**
- April 18** Spring State Shooting Sports Match - BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, at Great Bend
- April 25** Spring into Volunteering
- April 25** Fiber Arts Project Meeting, TBA
- April 25-26** **Spring Livestock Show, Cheney Fairgrounds, Small animals will be tagged on these dates: 25th – Beef and Swine and the 26th – Goats and Sheep (pages 27 and 28 for details)**
- April 28-29** Youth Entrepreneurship Contest (YEC) Manhattan
- May 1** **Horse I.D. papers due** to the 4-H office
- May 2** Fiber Arts Project Meeting, TBA
- May 3** Dairy Goat Clinic and Practice Show, Cheney Fairgrounds

Calendar of Events Continued.....

- June/July** **4-H Camp Rock Springs Ranch**
June 3-5 Discover Days, Manhattan
June 12 **Style Revue, Pet Judging, Creative Tables entries must be pre-
entered**
June 12-14 State 4-H Geology Field Trip (TBA)
June 19-20 Insect Spectacular, Yates Center
June 25 Style Revue judging - 8:30 am and Public Style Revue -7:30 pm
June 27 **Livestock Clean-up for county fair, 8:00 am - done**
- July 7-11** Sedgwick County Fair
July 7 Static Judging, Fairgrounds
July 8 4-H Horse Show, Fairgrounds
July 8-11 See Fair Book for schedules for livestock entry and judging times and auction
details
- August 1** State 4-H Horse Show Entries due
August 1 State Fair static entries due to 4-H office
August 4 4-H Wheat Expo, El Dorado
August 15 State Horticulture Judging Contest
August 22-23 (tentative) 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan
- September 5** State 4-H Dog Show
September 11-20 Kansas State Fair
September 26 State Archery Match
- October 3** State Small Bore/Muzzle Loading Match
October 11 State Hunting Skills Match
October 17-18 4-H Dog Conference
October 18 State Shotgun Match
- November 21-22** Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Ranch
November 21-22 Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers Forum, Rock Springs Ranch


Happy
St. Patrick's Day

Youth Livestock Program

2026 Calendar & Important Deadlines

March 7: K-State Junior Beef Producer Day

April 11: K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day

April 15: KASLA Application Deadline (tentative)

April 20: Last Day to Order Market Beef DNA
Envelopes for Nominations

May 1: Market Beef Nominations Due

June 5: Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA
Envelopes for Nominations

June 15: Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, & Meat
Goat Nominations Due

July 10-11: Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic

August 22-23 (tentative): State 4-H Livestock
Sweepstakes

September 11-13: Kansas State Fair

October 2 -4: Kansas Junior Livestock Show



YQCA CERTIFICATE IS MANDATORY FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY YOUTH TO SHOW AT SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. The program is designed to provide a minimum 60 minutes of education each year.

YQCA is the result of a collaborative effort between states that have previously offered multi-species youth livestock quality assurance programs, the National Pork Board's Youth PQA Plus program and representatives from other national livestock groups.

- Food Safety

YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry.

- Animal Well Being

The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.

- Character Development

YQCA is accepted at a number of shows across the United States.

I am offering 5 teacher led courses for any individual who would like to participate in person. Dates below to sign up go to this link. <https://yqcaprogram.org/> choose your age group and instructor led.\$3.00 a youth

** Remember to enroll and take the pre-test before coming to class.

If you want to take the Online version go the same site. <https://yqcaprogram.org> choose your age group and online version. \$12.00 a youth.

Please go to their help section for any questions for enrollment.

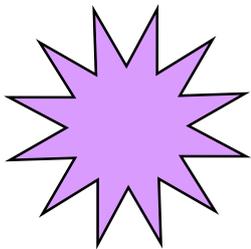
<https://yqcaprogram.org/local/help-desk.php>

Meeting Dates: February 12, March 12, April 9, and May 7. All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm here at the Extension Office.



COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships



Advisory Council
Scholarship

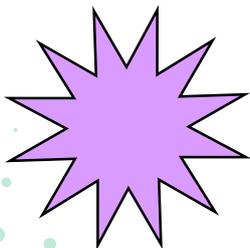
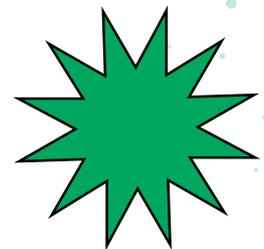
Application Form

**MARCH 15
DEADLINE**

Teen Council
Scholarship

Application Form

**MARCH 15
DEADLINE**



Livestock Scholarship

Application Form

**MARCH 15
DEADLINE**

April 4-H Leader Check-In Reminder Sheet

As we move into a busy spring season, here are a few important reminders to keep your club on track and in compliance:

Enrollment & Club Management

- Download a new roster from 4HOnline for your club meeting roll call.
- Confirm that all youth members are fully enrolled. If there are any problems, please contact the 4-H office.
- Review project lists to ensure 4-H'ers are enrolled in the correct projects for Fair participation.
- Verify that ALL adult leaders are in compliance with State 4-H requirements:
 - Enrolled in 4HOnline
 - Completed orientation
 - Background check completed
 - Board approved

Stay Informed

- Read the monthly 4-H Newsletter carefully.
- Mark all important dates on your calendar.
- Take advantage of the helpful links included.
- Review newsletter highlights at your next club meeting.

Project Book Success

- Encourage youth to write down goals in their project books now.
- Help members think about:
 - What skills they want to learn
 - What improvements they want to make
 - What they hope to accomplish by Fair time
- Remind families that strong goal-setting now makes record book completion much easier later.

Club Communication

- Make sure a Teen Council report is shared at each club meeting.
- Check your club mailbox at the Extension Office regularly.
- Please send me information regarding your activities throughout the month. I will share this information on the 4-H facebook page and in the newsletter so show what 4-H is doing.

Volunteers Needed

- If you have anyone with a Project specialty, we would love them to share their knowledge with youth across the county.

Advocacy & Community Connections

- Please stay in touch with your local town councils, county commissioners and state legislators.-If you need to know who your local county commissioner is please message me and I will get you that information.
- Share updates about what your club is doing, service projects, youth achievements, enrollment growth, and fair participation.
- Invite them to attend meetings, project tours, or county-wide events.
- Send a quick email or handwritten note highlighting how 4-H is making a difference in your community.
- Keeping 4-H in the forefront of youth programming in Sedgwick County happens when decision-makers see the impact firsthand. Your voice matters. When leaders understand the reach and value of 4-H, it strengthens long-term support for funding, facilities, and opportunities for our youth.
- Together, we can ensure 4-H continues to be recognized as a vital investment in the future of Sedgwick County youth. ❤️



NW 4-H

Judging Event

Super Saturday

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 9:00am - Finish

Host Site: Fort Hays State University

Judging Contests include: 9:00am to 12:30pm -- \$7.00

Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, Livestock Skill-a-thon
NEW this year Wildlife Skills Judging and Geology

Volunteer Sessions for Parents and Volunteers - Free, 10:30am

Livestock Judging : 12:30pm FHSU enclosed Rodeo Areana, North of I-70

Project Opportunities: (NON-LIVESTOCK Judging youth): 1:00 -3:00pm \$5.00

The afternoon will be filled with STEM and Visual Art Rotation stations, including, robots, circuits, Building Block Engineering, painting and paper crafts.

Sack Lunches provided with mandatory RSVP - \$8.00

Registration Link:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_78Jwy8nnfMNIBW6

If you have any questions concerning this event, you may contact Robyn Trussel at 785-798-5020 or rtrussel@ksu.edu or
Clandra Plate at 620-388-7157 or cplate@ksu.edu



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Cheney Challengers 4-H Club

Cheney Challengers had a great time at our YQCA course with Samantha Dungan! She did a wonderful job engaging all of our kids and getting them excited to learn. Huge THANK YOU to her for coming and doing this!



Goddard 4-H Club Update

Written by Finn Bueker, Club Reporter

It's been a busy few months with the Goddard 4-H Club. We've been doing lots of stuff. The club participated in the Goddard fall festival and handed out candy to people.

In October we participated in the Sedgwick County Halloween 4-H Carnival where you could play games and win prizes. My favorite part about it was playing the games.

In December, we went caroling at the Goddard assisted living facility and handed out goodie bags and then went to eat pizza. My favorite part of going caroling was making memories with my 4-H club.

The club also participated in the Merry & Bright toy drive at Union Station to donate toys.

For Valentine's Day the club made 90 treat bags for residents of Dove Estates.

If you would like to join 4-H we would love to have you. We meet monthly on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

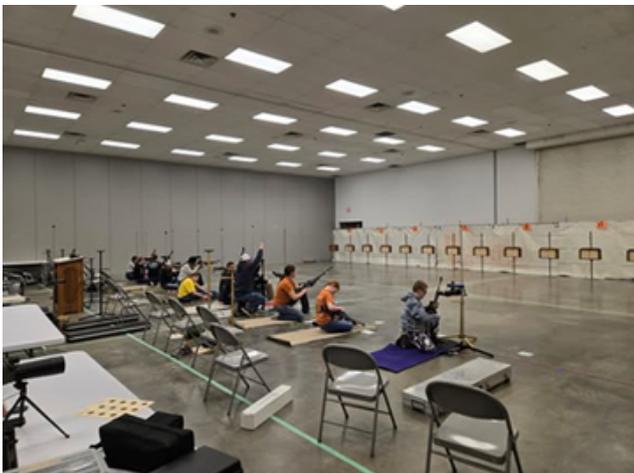
Valley Victors 4-H Club

The Valley Victors 4-H Club had their February meeting this past Sunday at the Valley Center Community Center/Library. Members participated in a food drive bringing items to restock the blessing boxes around town. Thomas L. provided a project talk on his experience in Shooting Sports this year and demonstrated the four different positions they practice. Elijah L. gave a project talk about his Mandala art project and the process he used to create it. 4-H'ers enjoyed pizza after the meeting and a spirited game of musical chairs



Super Shooters 4-H Club

Saturday was the Sedgwick County home shooting match. Congratulations to all the shooters,. The Sedgwick County Air Rifle team took 1st overall! (Missing Hayden in the air rifle team pic.) Air Pistol team also placed 1st! Lots of personal bests today and lots of state qualifiers!!!



Please send us an article from your club for us to share monthly!

SEDGWICK COUNTY 4-H DAY RESULTS 2026

Jr. Project Talks

P - CHAMPION - Tagert St. John - Peck Ramblers
P-RESERVE CHAMPION - Burkley Cerullo - Valley Victors
P Callie Bradley Bel Aire
B Tristan Williams Colwich Clovers



Jr. Illustrated Talks

P -CHAMPION - Sadie Sterling - Delano
P- RESERVE CHAMPION - Elise Fuhrmann - Derby
B Shith Kiragga Bel Airs
B Tristan Williams Colwich Clovers



Jr. Demonstrations

P –CHAMPION - Timothy Gear - Andale Jets
P – RESERVE CHAMPION - Aleena Blokzyl - Country Kids
B Isidore Simpson Andale Jets
B Reata Bracken Ninnescah Valley
B Sadie Sterling Delano

Junior Readings

P - CHAMPION - Aspen Gomez - Achievers
P – RESERVE CHAMPION - Shith Kiragga - Bel Aire
B Elise Fuhrmann Derby
B Target St. John Peck Ramblers
B Sadie Sterling Delano



Junior Instrumental Solos

P – CHAMPION - Isabella Kadrmas - Achievers

Junior Piano

P - CHAMPION - Elise Furhmann - Derby
B Adaline Baalman Andale Jets
B Isidore Simpson Andale Jets
B Sadie Sterling Delano



Intermediate Project Talk

P-Champion - Niemat Kiragga - Bel Aire

P-Reserve Champion - Madison Green - Quail Valley

Intermediate Illustrated Talks

P-Champion - Quintan Wyant - Derby

P-Reserve Champion - Evan Bradley - Bel Aire

B Wyatt Bracken - Ninnescah Valley

B Kenten Oard - Delano

B Ben Holmes - River City Kids

B Brenden Crouch - Valley Victors

B Zoe Crouch - Valley Victors

R Noah Sterling - Delano



Inter. Demonstrations

P-CHAMPION Abigail Gear - Andale Jets

P- RESERVE CHAMPION Tyler Kroetch - Achievers

B Caiden Herrman - Colwich Clovers



Inter. Readings

P - CHAMPION - Tyler Kroetch - Achievers

P – RESERVE CHAMPION - Kenton Oard - Delano

P Titus Jost - Delano

B Niemat Kirragga - Bel Aire

B Lane Veith - Andale Jets

B Lena Veith - Andale Jets

B Isaiah Jost - Delano

B Aurelia Wilson - Achievers

B Violet Pfeiffer - Achievers

R Zoe Crouch - Valley Victors



Inter. Instrumental

P - CHAMPION Paislee Blecha -mPeck Ramblers

P – RESERVE CHAMPION Paul Skolaut - River City Kids

P Aurelia Wilson - Achievers

B Aubrey Green - Quail Valley

B Anne Hawpe - Colwich Clovers

B Violet Pfeiffer - Achievers

B Evan Furhmann - Derby



Inter. Piano

P –CHAMPION Margaret Lomas Colwich Clovers

P - RESERVE CHAMPION Paul Skolaut River City Kids

P Ben Holmes River City Kids

Intermediate Piano cont'

B- Sylvia Sigg - Colwich Clovers

B Caleb Schminke - Achievers

Senior Illustrated Talks

P-CHAMPION - Elianna - Jost Delano

P-RESERVE CHAMPION - Grace Oard -Delano

B Jude Konecny - Delano

B Carter Smith - River City Kids

B Knox Crouch - Valley Victors

R Genna Crouch - Valley Victors

R Lucia Skolaut - River City Kids

Sr. Impromptu Speaking

P –CHAMPION - McKenzie Wyant - Derby

P – RESERVE CHAMPION - Ella Swingle - Achievers

P - Isaac Klausmeyer Super Shooters

B Victor Harding Achievers

B Chris Mork Achievers

Senior Demonstrations

P-CHAMPION Asher and Nathan Turner - Derby

P – RESERVE CHAMPION Brianna Reilly - Colwich Clovers

P Annelise Ibrahim Delano

P Patrick Gear Andale Jets

B Christian Konecny Delano

B Maria Werth Colwich Clovers

R Eli Sterling Delano

Senior Public Speaking

P-CHAMPION - Annelise Ibrahim - Delano

Senior Readings

P - CHAMPION - Elianna Jost - Delano

P – RESERVE CHAMPION - Victor Harding - Achievers

P Ella Swingle Achievers

B Ella Ferguson Achievers

B Genevieve Wilson Achievers

B Lucia Skolaut River City Kids

B Jude Konecny Delano

Senior Skit

P-CHAMPION - Achievers 4-H Club

Senior Instrumental

P –CHAMPION - Christian Konecny - Delano

P - RESERVE CHAMPION - NathanTurner - Derby



Senior Piano Solos

P –CHAMPION Maria Werth Colwich Clovers

P - RESERVE CHAMPION Paul Skolaut Delano

Senior Vocal Solos

P - CHAMPION - Leah Allen - Ninnescah Valley

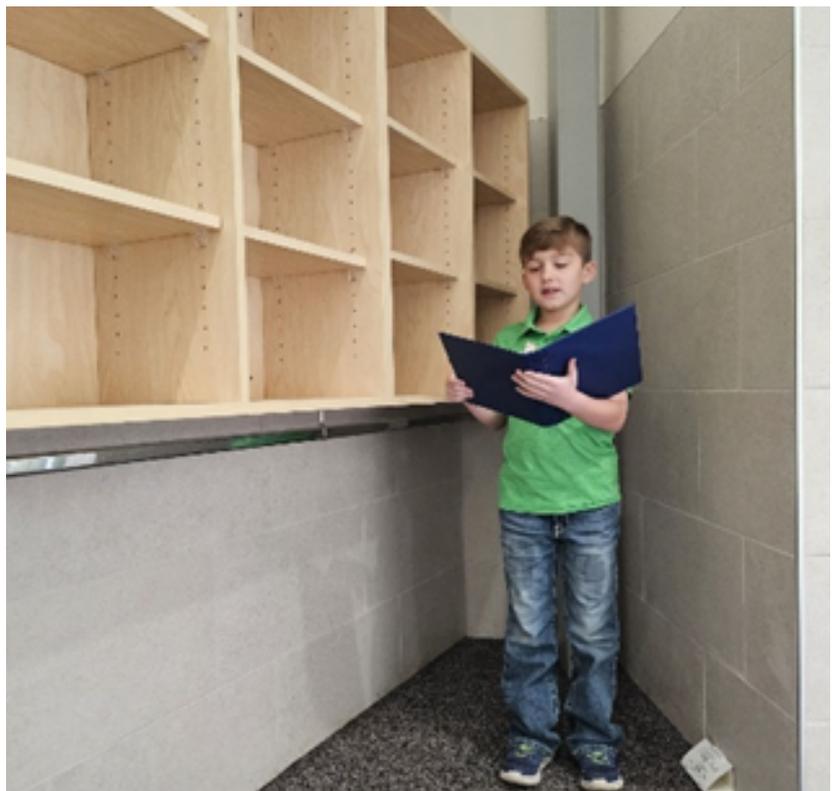
P – RESERVE CHAMPION - Ella Swingle - Achievers

P Lucy Skolaut - River City Kids

Instrumental Duet

P-CHAMPION - Brenden, Genna, and Zoe Crouch - Valley Victors

Our 4-H Day was absolutely amazing. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, judges, parents, and youth that made it an absolute success! I only took a few pictures.



YOUTH ART CONTEST

**RAISING AWARENESS FOR
SUICIDE PREVENTION**

Prizes!

GRADES 6-12

- 1st Place - \$100 Amazon Gift Card
- 2nd Place - \$50 Amazon Gift Card
- 3rd Place - \$25 Amazon Gift Card

**SUBMISSIONS DUE
APRIL 3RD, 2026**

LIMIT TO 1 ENTRY

**MORE
INFO:**





Art can include posters, drawings, paintings, digital art, or short videos. Video/audio recordings should be no longer than 2 minutes. Eligible electronics formats: MP3 & MP4.

All entries should be original creations and not contain anything that is copy written or AI generated.

THEMES

Message should reflect themes of hope, help, strength, and resilience.

Life is not always perfect and struggles are inevitable. Art is a way to express your experiences and emotions. Our hope is that you create and share art that feels true to your experience without graphic depictions of suicide.

See the National Action Alliance for more information on public messaging here:



Citizenship in Action

February 15th and 16th 9 Sedgwick County 4-H teens, Lori Magnus-Holt and I went to Topeka for Citizenship in Action. These youth were able to sit in the Senate and House of Representatives to debate a cell phone bill, meet with our legislatures and learned proper etiquette when eating a formal dinner. What an amazing experience for all of us. Thank you K-State University. Thank you Stacy Rogers for Governor, Senator Owens, Senator Miller, Representative Berquist, and Representative Pickert for making this event so real for our youth.





YOUTH LAWN MOWING CLINIC

Tuesday, March 17th, 2026

Youth in grades 5-9 can learn how to start a safe & profitable lawn mowing business.

\$10 before March 9th, \$15 after
Register & learn more at: www.sedgwick.ksu.edu/events

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Ag Tech Day

April 4, 2026
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Flickner Innovation Farm
Moundridge, Kansas



Visit stations around the farm and learn about technologies to make a farm management plan.

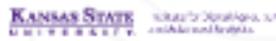


Free and open to the public; activities are tailored for middle and high school students.



Come and go as you please; snacks provided!

Register by April 1 at <https://bit.ly/AgTechDay>



Ag Tech Day, April 4, 2026

This event is geared for youth in grades 5-12 the unique opportunity to explore the farm and learn about both new and established technologies that are helping make farm management easier and more efficient for producers.

Kansas 4-H, Kansas State University ID3A (Institute for Digital Agriculture & Advanced Analytics), KCARE(Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment) are co-hosting an engaging Ag Tech Day in Moundridge, Kansas at Flickner Innovation Farm.

A wide variety of stations will be set up around the farm for attendees to visit while they learn from presenters.

Stations may include:

- Unmanned aircraft systems and drone technologies
- John Deere technologies
- Sensors
- An under canopy robot
- Technology for finding and tracking insects

The event will be held at Flickner Innovation Farm from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 4. Attendees are welcome to come and go as they please, and snacks will be provided!

Registration: <https://bit.ly/AgTechDay>

Ag Tech Day is **FREE and open to the public**, but registration is required. Please register by Wednesday, April 1. You can register as an individual or as a group. Group registration allows up to five people at a time.

CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT 4-H



UAS WORKSHOP

MARCH 14, 2026, 9:30AM-6:00PM
K-STATE SALINA CAMPUS

Who should register:

Youth ages 7-18 who have an interest in Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

Registration:

Please register at: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3137gpL1FA7k13o

New this year: Estimated total flight hours required at time of registration. Youth will be grouped as Beginner or Experienced based on flight hours.

Each individual (including parents/guardians) will need to register. Registrations are due online by March 9, 2026. If you have questions, please call 785-309-5850.



Event Objectives

- Safety Rules
- Flight Basics
- Drone Flights
- Obstacle Course Flight Competition

Cost:

\$15/person, includes lunch and contest fees. Payment must be made to Central Kansas District 4-H Council and needs to be received by the registration deadline. Payments may be mailed or dropped off to the Central Kansas District 4-H Council at 2218 K-State Road N; Salina, KS 67401

Attire & What to Expect:

Dress code is casual. The day will feature sessions covering the basics (including rules and flight overview), flight competition, and prizes. Also included this year is a UAS workshop for parents.

Additional Information:

Please plan to arrive and sign-in at 9:30 a.m. at the College Center Conference Room on the K-State Salina Campus.

Participants will be using the equipment provided. Please do not bring your own drone.

Please join us in special thanks to 4-H Member Eian P. for his leadership to plan the workshop and to Acacia P. for her artwork for the flyer.



Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service.

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Accommodations:

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact Ellie Vincent two weeks prior to the start of the event (March 1) at ev13104@ksu.edu or 785-309-5850. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.



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Central Kansas District

Sedgwick County Meat Goat Clinic

March 14, 2026
1:00-3:00 pm

Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Building
308 S Main Street, Cheney, KS

Clinic Highlights:

- ✓ Daily Care
- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Clipping
- ✓ Showmanship

Clinic Guest Speakers

- ✓ Logan Ohlde
K-State Animal Science Graduate
- ✓ Jesse Birney DVM

All Kansas 4-H youth are invited to attend.
Please text Dave Ohlde to register or with
questions 785-562-7992.



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2026 Sedgwick County 4-H Dairy Cow Showmanship Clinic



**Saturday March 21, 2026 Time:
10:00-2:00**

**Sedgwick County Fair Grounds
Open to all 4-H exhibitors**

Lunch Provided by Sedgwick County Farm Bureau



Clipping Demonstration

**Why and when to clip dairy cattle
Proper equipment and blade use**

Nutrition Lesson

**Basics of dairy cow nutrition
Feeding for growth, bloom, and body condition**

Showmanship Lesson

**What judges look for in showmanship
Proper attire and ring etiquette**

Hands-On Showmanship Practice

**Guided practice with live animals
One-on-one coaching and feedback
Mock showmanship run-through**

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Dairy Goat Clinic and Practice Show

May 03, 2026

9:00-2:00 pm

Sedgwick County Fair

308 S Main Street Cheney, KS



Clinic Highlights:

- ✓ Clipping Demo
- ✓ Nutritional Information
- ✓ Hoof Shearing Demo
- ✓ Showmanship Clinic

Guest speakers

Gavin Beesley

Tara Varner

Show Highlights

Judge--Alicia Bigelow

- ✓ Showmanship Class
- ✓ Breed Class- You may bring up to two goats to practice with.



All Kansas 4-H youth are invited to attend

**Please email or call Stephanie Hays to
register or with questions.**

sahays@ksu.edu or 316-660-0112

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4-H CONTEST *Day*

PROVIDING OUR YOUTH WITH
ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO
QUALIFY FOR STATE FAIR

Livestock Skill-athon

Youth test their knowledge of animal sciences, including breeds, nutrition, health, equipment, and meat identification for species like beef, sheep, swine, and goats.

Photography Judging

Participants evaluate images based on technical, artistic and storytelling merits.

Family and Consumer Science

Participants test knowledge, decision-making, and critical thinking in areas like nutrition clothing, interior design and consumer skills.

Horticulture Judging

Participants evaluate plants, produce, and flowers based on quality, uniformity and condition.



MARCH 28
SEDGWICK COUNTY
EXTENSION CENTER
2:00-4:00 PM
ANY 4-H YOUTH MAY
PARTICIPATE.

GoCreate

I am excited that GoCreate has agreed to partner with Sedgwick County 4-H again this year. Please come and check out all they have to offer. 4-H discounts are available from April 10th-July 10th. \$100 for an individual and \$150 for a family. Let's go create some amazing 4-H projects.

GoCreate Open House



March 28



10:00 am - 12:00 pm
1845 Fairmount St. Wichita, KS



Studios

3-D Print and Scan
Design
Electronics
Finishing
Metals and Welding
Textiles
Wood and Foam

Tools and Capabilities

- Computers latest design software
- Embroidery machines, sewing machines and sergers
- 3-D printers, laser cutter, vinyl cutter, metal & wood CNC machines
- Woodshop; mills, lathes, saws, sander and more
- Metalshop; iron worker, saws, presses, sheet metal fabrication
- Welding equipment
- Circuit boards, wiring, switches and soldering tools
- Sandblaster, polishing wheels and buffers
- Assembly area with large flat workspaces, benches and vices
- Late hours to accommodate diverse schedules

4-H DISCOUNTED
MEMBERSHIP RATE
APRIL 10-JULY 10

FAMILY \$150
INDIVIDUAL \$100



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learn more at www.gocreate.com

BEEF WEIGH-IN AND TAGGING

March 14

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Heartland Veterinary Service, Inc. 2800 N 247th St W, Andale, KS

A huge thank you to Dr. Chad Himmertzhim for generously allowing us to use the scales and chute. We truly appreciate his continued support of our 4-H youth.

Lori, the Beef Superintendents, and I will be available to assist with tagging and answer any questions.

Tag Costs (Exact Cash Please)

EID Ear Tags: \$3.50 each

4-H Ear Tags: \$1.50 each

Please plan to bring exact payment.

Green Fair Cards & Required Information

Green cards will be available on-site and must be completed and returned to Lori or Stephanie before you leave.

Please make sure you have the following information ready:

Youth Name

City

4-H Club

4-H Age

Department 1 – Beef – Market Steer or Beef – Market Heifer or Beef or Beef – Breeding Heifers or Bucket Calf (Required)

Class Number (Some classes are breed-specific — be sure breed is listed.) (Required)

Ear Tag Number (Required)

This is the same information required for fair pre-entry, so completing it accurately now will make that process much smoother.

We will notify families as soon as the fair entry system is live.

******* Important Tagging Policy***** This has changed this year.**

Any beef not tagged during this weigh-in must be brought on a trailer to the Extension Office and tagged by the owner in the presence of Lori or Steph.

There will be no exceptions to this rule.

We are excited to kick off another strong beef project season and help our youth for the Sedgwick County Fair. Please reach out if you have questions, otherwise, we will see you the morning of March 14!

SWINE, MEAT GOAT & SHEEP TAGGING

April 25

Sedgwick County Fairgrounds

 **Weigh-In & Tagging Swine – (7:30-9:30)**

April 26

Sedgwick County Fairgrounds

  **Weigh-In & Tagging Meat Goats (8:00-10:00 am) and Sheep (10:00-11:00 am)**

A huge thank you to our Swine, Meat Goat, and Sheep Superintendents for organizing and supporting this event. We appreciate your continued dedication to our Sedgwick County 4-H youth. Superintendents and I will be available to assist with tagging and answer any questions.

Tag Costs (Exact Cash Please)

EID Ear Tags: \$3.50 each

4-H Ear Tags: \$1.50 each

Please plan to bring exact payment.

Green Fair Cards & Required Information

Green cards will be available on-site and must be completed and returned before you leave the grounds. Please make sure you have the following information ready:

Youth Name

City

4-H Club

4-H Age

Department (Required)

Swine – Market

Sheep – Market Lamb or Breeding Ewe

Meat Goat – Market or Breeding

Class Number (Some classes are breed-specific — be sure the breed is listed.) (Required)

Ear Tag Number (Required)

This is the same information required for fair pre-entry, so completing it accurately now will make that process much smoother.

******* IMPORTANT TAGGING POLICY *******

Any animal not tagged during the scheduled weigh-in must be brought on a trailer to the Extension Office and tagged by the owner in the presence of a superintendent or Stephanie.

There will be no exceptions to this rule.

We are excited to kick off another strong livestock project season and help our youth prepare for the Sedgwick County Fair. Please reach out if you have questions — otherwise, we will see you at the fairgrounds on April 25 and 26!

Pre-Entries due 4/11 - \$20/head - Late Entries \$25/head

SEDGWICK COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

APRIL 25TH & 26TH, 2026

 SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - CHENEY, KS

Saturday April 25th - Swine and Beef Show

Sunday April 26th - Goat and Sheep Show

Follow SCLS Facebook page for more info OR contact Dustin Hague at
(316) 765-4759



NEED PROJECT HELP?

Kansas 4-H Projects



Animal Science

Beef
Dairy Cattle
Dairy Goats
Dog
Horse
Meat Goats
Pets
Poultry
Rabbits
Sheep
Swine
Veterinary Science

Communication & Expressive Arts

Communications
Interior Design & Architecture
Performing Arts
Photography
Visual Arts

Engineering & Technology

Aerospace/Rocketry
Ag Mechanics Welding
Astronomy
Building Block Engineering
Computer Science
Electric & Renewable Energy
Robotics
Small Engines
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
Woodworking

Family & Consumer Sciences

Family Studies
Fiber Arts (includes 9 projects)
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Wellness
Sewing & Textile Design
Shopping in Style

Leadership & Personal Development

Civic Engagement
Entrepreneurship
Leadership
Reading Adventures
Self-Determined

Natural Resources

Environmental Science
Geology
Shooting Sports (includes 10 projects)
Wildlife

Plant Sciences

Agronomy
Entomology
Forestry
Horticulture & Landscape Design



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Our Sedgwick County 4-H Curriculum library is packed with engaging, research-based project resources designed to make leading a 4-H project easier and more impactful. These materials provide ready-to-use lesson plans, hands-on activities, discussion guides, and project ideas that help bring 4-H projects to life. Checking out curriculum allows you to confidently teach new skills, spark youth curiosity, and enhance learning without having to start from scratch.

Leader-Friendly Checkout Statement

By checking out these 4-H curriculum materials, I acknowledge that they are the property of the Sedgwick County 4-H Program and agree to use them for 4-H educational purposes. I understand that I am responsible for returning all materials in good condition by the designated return date.

Follow this link for available project materials for checkout.

<https://www.sedgwick.k-state.edu/4-h-youth/forms-recordkeeping/4-H%20Curriculum%20for%20website.docx>

Why Starting 4-H Record Books Early Matters

One of the most important and often misunderstood part of the 4-H experience is the 4-H project record book. Record books are not meant to be busy work. They are a way for youth to reflect on what they have learned, recognize their growth, and tell the story of their 4-H year.

Our County-wide goal

Our goal in Sedgwick County is for every 4-H member to complete at least one record book each year. That record book does not have to be for every project a youth takes. Instead, we encourage youth to choose the project they worked the hardest on, enjoyed the most, or learned the most from, and focus their record keeping on that one project.

By starting with just one record book, youth can:

- Build confidence and success with the record book process
- Practice reflection and goal setting without feeling overwhelmed
- See record books as a tool for growth, not a burden



Why starting early makes a difference

When record books are started early and updated throughout the year, they become much easier and much more meaningful. Starting early:

- Reduces stress at the end of the year
- Helps youth remember important details and learning moments
- Encourages consistent skill-building and personal reflection
- Makes record books manageable and achievable for all ages

Record books are also an important foundation for future opportunities, including scholarships, awards, leadership roles, and even job or college applications. The skills learned through record keeping carry far beyond 4-H.

Support to help you succeed

To support youth and families, I have created step-by-step record book videos that explain how to complete each section and offer helpful tips along the way.

Record Book How-To Videos:

[How to complete Static Record Project Books](#)

[How to complete Livestock Record Project Books](#)

These videos are designed to be easy to follow and can be watched at home, during club meetings, or as a part of a project workshop.

YOU don't have to do this alone.

I want record books to feel approachable and doable for every family.

- I am happy to visit clubs to walk youth through record books and answer questions.
- I am also available to meet individually with youth or families who would like extra support or guidance.

Record books do not need to be perfect--they simply need to reflect effort, learning, and growth. Starting with one record book is a strong step toward building lifelong skills and confidence.

Let's work together to make record books a positive and successful part of every member's 4-H experience.

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