



September, 2026

4-H UPDATE

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Celebrating Sedgwick County 4-H Success



Senior Horticulture Judging Team
1st Place

Dr. Sara Maas, Dr. Cheryl Boyer, Erin (1st place individual), Ellie (3rd place individual) & Evie (7th place individual)

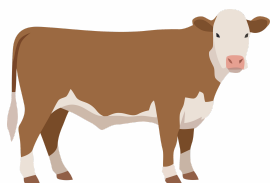


Intermediate Horticulture Judging Team
1st Place

Dr. Sara Maas, Dr. Cheryl Boyer,, Samir (1st place individual), Brylee, (4th place individual), Jeff (8th place individual)

Thanks to coach Su Henderson for her dedication to the
Horticulture Judging Teams!

Livestock Sweepstakes Results



Congratulations to Nathan (tied for 1st) and Asher (7th place) for their individual accomplishments in the 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes! You make us Sedgwick County Proud!



Corbin sharing Harry, his geology find, at the Flint Hills Discovery Center Dino Days

From the Desk of..... Stephanie Hays



What a fantastic finish to the summer! I am incredibly proud of our 4-H members and excited to see so many exhibits advancing to the Kansas State Fair. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talent, dedication, and hard work of our Sedgwick County 4-H youth on the state level!

Kansas State Fair Exhibit Drop-Off:

State Fair exhibits may be dropped off at the Sedgwick County Extension Office beginning Wednesday, September 2, during regular business hours through Wednesday, September 9. For families who are unable to come during regular business hours, the Extension Office will remain open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9 for exhibit drop-off. Our team will carefully transport all exhibits to Hutchinson on Thursday, September 10, where they will be checked in and prepared for the Kansas State Fair.

Kansas State Fair show times, contest schedules, and additional information can be found on the Kansas 4-H State Fair webpage.

It is also time to wrap up another successful 4-H year. Please keep these important deadlines in mind:

- Record Books and Pin Applications – Due September 30
- Step-by-step directions can be found here. [Record forms](#)



I encourage every member to take time to reflect on the past year and document their accomplishments, growth, and experiences. Record books are an important part of telling your 4-H story!

- Club Financial Forms – Due October 15
- Club leaders and officers, please make sure all required financial documents are completed and submitted by the deadline.

And just like that, we are ready to begin a brand-new 4-H year on October 1! National 4-H Week is October 4–10. This is a great opportunity for our clubs to celebrate 4-H, increase visibility in their communities, and invite new youth and families to discover everything 4-H has to offer. We will conclude this week with Carnival on October 11th.

I encourage each club to find a creative and fun way to celebrate National 4-H Week and promote your club. Please send us photos and a short description of what your club does for 4-H Week so we can highlight your efforts in the November newsletter. Your ideas may inspire another club—and help a new family discover 4-H!

Thank you to our members, families, volunteers, and leaders for the time, energy, and commitment you give to Sedgwick County 4-H. Your involvement is what makes our program strong and ensures our youth are Beyond Ready for whatever comes next.

Let's make the new 4-H year our best one yet!

2026-2027 Calendar of Events

Sept. 2-8	Drop off State Fair Entries to Extension Office, 8 AM - 5 PM
Sept. 5	State 4-H Dog Show--Good luck, Sedgwick County Contestants!
Sept. 9	Last day to drop off exhibits for the State Fair at the Extension Office. 8 AM - 7 PM
Sept. 10	State Fair Entry Day for Static Exhibits, Hutchinson All 4-H Staff will be out of the office
Sept. 11-20	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson 4-H Office will NOT be staffed Monday - Thursday – we are helping with the State Fair
Sept. 26	- Hospice Gown Sewing Day - State 4 -H Smallbore/Muzzleloading Match, Captial City Gun Club, Topeka
Oct. 1	- Happy New Year!! Time to enroll in 4-H online--all members and leaders - Deadline to apply for Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council
Oct. 3	State 4-H Archery Match, T.H.E. Archery Range, Wakarusa
Oct. 4-10	National 4-H Week
Oct. 10-11	48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge - State 4-H Shotgun Match, Saturday--Ark Valley Gun Club, Sunday--STC, Augusta
Oct. 11	4-H Carnival and Grow 4-H Celebration, 5 PM - 7 PM, Extension Center
Oct. 17-18	State 4-H Dog Conference, Rock Springs
Oct. 25	Sedgwick County 4-H Leader's Retreat
Nov. 1	Officer Training, 2 PM - 4 PM, Extension Office
Nov. 8	County Project Awards Ceremony, 4-H Hall, Extension Center
Nov. 14	Project Fair, Extension Office, 9-noon (see article for more information)
Nov. 21-22	- Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs - Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers Forum, Rock Springs
Dec. 1	Deadline for returning members to enroll for new 4-H year



5th Annual GROW 4-H Fundraiser

What: 5th Annual Grow 4-H Fundraiser

When: Now through October 5

Where: Anywhere

Who: You

Why: To Make the Best Better

How: Collect money donations from your friends, your family, your neighbors and anyone else interested in helping the youth of Sedgwick County be “Beyond Ready” for the future. There’s nothing to sell, nothing to deliver. The only requirement is that you have to ask. They don’t know to donate until you make the connection.

Get an envelope from your leader (or print the form in this newsletter and put it on your own envelope). Ask for donations. Every donation earns raffle tickets for special prizes for the 4-H member at the carnival.

Ask:

- Friends and Family
- Neighbors
- Former 4-H Families in your club
- Local business
- Put a donation jar in a local business for a week or two

Every dollar donated goes directly to Sedgwick County 4-H investing in the future of our youth, our program and the entire 4-H community.

If you have suggestions, want to volunteer, or are ready to donate a prize or funds, please reach out. Please contact Rebecca Snell (rebeblack@juno.com or 719-238-0743), Stephanie Hays (sahays@ksu.edu, or Susie Klausmeyer (susiek@ksu.edu) with prizes, questions or suggestions.

Thank you, Rebecca Snell and Team!!

Record Books

Due to 4-H Office: Sept. 30, 2026

Completing your 4-H Record Book may seem like just another task, but it's one of the most valuable tools in your 4-H journey. These books allow you to reflect on what you’ve learned, track your progress, celebrate your accomplishments, and set new goals.

Here’s why Record Books matter:

Life Skills Development: By working on your record book, you build essential skills such as organization, goal setting, time management, and clear communication—skills for life.

Scholarships and Awards: A well-completed record book lays the foundation for local, state, and national 4-H awards and college scholarships. Many applications require details of your leadership, community service, and project work—all things you track in your book!

Pin Applications & Recognition: Your record book is required to apply for Membership Pins and to be considered for achievement awards. These recognitions help highlight your growth in leadership, citizenship, and project mastery.

Career and College Preparation:

Learning how to track your accomplishments and write about your experiences gives you a head start on building resumes, portfolios, and college applications. Former 4-H'ers say record keeping helped them stand out in job interviews and scholarship essays!

A Personal Keepsake: Your record book becomes a meaningful snapshot of your 4-H years.

Record Book Tips and Tricks

1. Project Record(s)

Complete a separate record for each project you enrolled in and want to receive recognition for.

- Front Page/Personal Information is filled out
- Goals are clearly stated for the year
- Activities, learning experiences, and events are recorded
- Photos
- Project story/reflection is complete
- Record is neat, organized, and in your own words

2. Pin Application (for members applying for a Membership Pin)

Choose the appropriate level (e.g., Clover, Bronze, Silver, etc.).

- Pin Application (Membership through Gold Guard)
- Activities are filled in accurately
- Club leader has reviewed and signed
- Member and parent have signed
- Attach supporting documentation as needed (ex: talks, demonstrations, exhibits)

3. County Award Applications

- Apply for individual awards like Key Award, Teen Teacher Form, Helping Hand Award, Downtown Kiwanis Award, Top Dog Showman
- Select the award(s) you're applying for
- Complete any extra narrative or reflection pages required
- Ask for letters of recommendation if needed
- Include this packet behind your project records or in a separate folder

4. Assembly & Submission

- All pages are in a binder or folder (labeled with name & club)
- Each project has its own binder or folder
- Forms are printed one-sided (unless your club says otherwise)
- Double-checked for grammar and completeness
- Turned into club leader for their signature by your club's deadline in September.

All forms and applications can be accessed on our website!

Hospice Gown Sewing Day

What: Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice Gown Sewing Day

When: Saturday, September 26; 9 am - 3 pm (come for as little or as long as you can help)

Where: Sedgwick County Extension Office 4-H Hall

RSVP to Julie Crow, juliebcrow@gmail.com



Sedgwick County Fiber Arts is excited to partner with Wichita Sewing Guild to sponsor Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice gown sewing day. 4-H'ers and their parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles can help sew, serge, iron, fold, run, or be an assistant in the making of over 180 hospice gowns.

All are welcome to help make a difference!

TEEN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

For more information contact:

Lori Holt

316-660-0111

llholt@ksu.edu

Sedgwick County Extension Office

Sedgwick County
4-H invites you to

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**JOIN THE 4-H
TEEN COUNCIL**

Meeting Times
4th Monday night of every
month
7:00 p.m.
Extension Office

Open to any Sedgwick County 4-H Youth ages 13 and over.

Sedgwick County 4-H Teen Council provides an opportunity to work within your community with younger 4-H'ers, participate in community service projects, get to know 4-H Teens from other county clubs and participate in leadership conferences and workshops.

Teen Council held their monthly meeting on August 24, 2026 at 7 pm at the Extension Office. President Mekenzie Wyant called the meeting to order. McKenzie Wyant led the Flag Salute and the 4-H Pledge. Seven members answered Roll Call to how they were adjusting to not having their cell phones in school. Members were reminded of the upcoming 4-H Grow Fundraiser and Carnival on Oct. 11th. There will be a Teen Council Concession Stand that 4-H Teen Council members can volunteer for. Murfin Oil invited Teen Council to participate in the Thanksgiving Holiday food drive once again this year. Teen Council will be taking donations through Halloween for the food drive. The next meeting will be on September 28, at 7 pm. Planning for the Carnival will happen then.

-Genna Crouch, Reporter

WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO HELP!

TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

CLUB CHALLENGE

- Collect food and bring to Carnival or the Extension office before Oct. 31
- Club that collects the most (by weight) earns free pizza from Stephanie!



MURFIN DRILLING, INC. HAS INVITED THE 4-H YOUTH TO HELP FILL THE HOLIDAYS WITH A HOLIDAY MEAL FOR THOSE IN NEED AGAIN!

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned vegetables
- Boxed stuffing
- Cornbread mixes
- Canned fruit
- Mac and cheese
- Rice
- Cooking oil & spices
- Murfin will supply the Hams and Turkeys



**THIS IS A GREAT
COMMUNITY SERVICE
EVENT WITH ALL CLUBS
WORKING TOGETHER FOR
A GREAT CAUSE!**

DROP OFF LOCATION:

4-H Carnival, October 11th or the 4-H office any time before Halloween. Donations will be delivered to Murfin Oil sometime after Halloween.



48 HOURS OF 4-H

When: October 10-11, 2026

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

What: Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information in the links below and start planning your projects. Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that happened across the state. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect compliment to #InspireKidstoDo.

[For ideas, click here.](#)

[For more information and to register your project, click here.](#)

National 4-H Week Next is Now

Celebrate National 4-H Week--Be Proud to be a 4-H Member

Monday, Oct. 5 - Sunday, Oct. 11

Go Green Light up your community with Green lights! Use green porch lights or green Christmas lights in your yard or on your house.

Put up a "green" display at a library or local business. Be sure to let us know at the office so we can go see it.

Monday: Go GREEN and show your 4-H spirit! Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint – anything goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN on Monday, October 5. Share your Go Green moment on social media and tag National 4-H, Kansas 4-H and use #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek.

Thursday: Thankful Thursday. Help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does. Share your story or another 4-H'er who is doing something good and making a positive impact by helping their communities and beyond on Thursday, October 8 and use #4HBeyondReady

Saturday and Sunday: 48 Hours of 4-H

Sunday: 4-H Carnival. Invite your families and friends. Bring a friend who isn't in 4-H. Advertise at your school. Contact the Extension Office if you need some copies of the flyer or want a digital version of it to share.



Shooting Sports Sign Up

The Sedgwick County 4-H Shooting Sports program is getting ready to start the winter disciplines of air rifle, air pistol and BB. These three projects are taught at the Sedgwick County Extension Center between the months of November and April. Members have opportunities to learn gun safety as well as participate in matches around the state.

Air pistol and air rifle are open to those 4-H age 12 and older. If younger than 14, we ask that one year of bb is completed before joining one of the advanced disciplines. BB is open to those 4-H age (January 1, 2027) 9-15. All first time participants are required to attend a safety class on Sunday, November 15 from 12:30-5:00 PM. This is required for our project to be compliant with the National 4-H Shooting Sports requirements.

[Season schedule is here.](#)

Want to sign up? [Fill out this form](#) (at any time). This form must be filled out. Enrollment in 4Honline after October 1, 2026 is also required.

Want to know more about the Shooting Sports project in Sedgwick County? Visit our website:
sites.google.com/view/sedgwickco4-hshootingports/home

KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2027 State 4-H Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

When: November 21-22

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2027

Fees: \$215

Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 15

[More information can be found on the KYLF Website.](#)

[Advisory Council has scholarships available. Fill out this form.](#)

**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
ELECTIONS COMING SOON. MAKE
SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS! VOTE
OCTOBER 13!**

Sedgwick County 4-H is gearing up for another exciting year, and now is the perfect time for youth to sign up and explore all the incredible opportunities 4-H has to offer. From livestock and horticulture to robotics, photography, public speaking, and community service, there's a project for every interest and passion. Choosing a project isn't just about learning a skill, it's about discovering what inspires you, building confidence, and connecting with friends who share your interests. By selecting your projects early, you'll have plenty of time to dive in, set goals, and make the most of your 4-H experience this year.

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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PROJECT LEADERS AND MENTORS NEEDED

We're also looking for caring adults to step forward as project leaders and mentors. Whether you're a seasoned expert or simply enthusiastic about learning alongside our youth, you can play a vital role in shaping the future of our community. You don't need to have all the answers—we have a wealth of curriculum, guides, and resources to support you at every step. By sharing your time and talents, you'll not only help young people thrive but also become part of a community of leaders making a difference in Sedgwick County. Together, we can create opportunities for growth, leadership, and lifelong skills that will benefit both our youth and our county for years to come. Contact the office for more information

**CLUB PROJECT
LEADERS**

MENTORS



**Beyond
Ready**

**COUNTYWIDE PROJECT
LEADERS**

FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

Project Fair

Sedgwick County 4-H Project Fair is happening November 14 from 9-noon at the Extension Office. We would like to have all clubs demonstrate a project. Brainstorm what you could showcase!

DON'T MISS OUT!

4-H Project Fair

COME TEACH OTHERS YOUR FAVORITE PROJECT.

WE NEED ALL CLUBS AND YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE

SEDGWICK COUNTY EXTENSION CENTER,
7001 W 21ST ST N,
WICHITA, KS 67205

NOVEMBER 14TH
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Everyone is welcome to come learn more about 4-H projects

KANSAS 4-H DOG CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 17-18, 2026

Rock Springs Ranch
1168 Hwy K157
Junction City, KS

Additional details and registration available at:
<https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/dog/>

Cost \$170

Registration Deadline: September 18th
Late Registration Deadline: September 25th (with late fee)

Stars, Stripes, & WAGGING TAILS

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Enjoy the beauty of the Flint Hills in the fall at Rock Springs Ranch with your dog! This year's featured dog show event is Agility. Also explore topics like the Ft. Leavenworth Hunt, canine health and DIY for dogs. Make new friends through fun canine-related activities. Participate in the **Dog Photography Contest** and **Kansas 4-H Dog Quiz Bowl**.

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 Kelsey Noroyke four weeks prior to the start of the event September 18, 2026, at 785-532-5800, knoroyke@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.

Kansas State University is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Advisory Council has scholarships available.
Fill out this form.

**FORT LEAVENWORTH
2026 HORSE SHOW**

Join the Fort Leavenworth Hunt for a fun, family-friendly day of showcasing equestrian sports. Come out and support our FLH foxhounds. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, October 18th
8am - 4pm
Wainwright Riding Complex
265 McPherson Ave
Fort Leavenworth, KS

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FREE Admission
Concessions available for purchase.
All riding disciplines are welcome!

Riders must register at flhsecretary2@gmail.com
All riders must have a Hold Harmless Waiver, wear heeled boots, ASTM approved helmet, and have proof of Negative Coggins.
Junior Riders (under age 18) must be accompanied by their parent or guardian to participate. Must be able to access Fort Leavenworth.
Call **913-684-1703** for more information

Scan here for visitor pass info

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FORT LEAVENWORTH FOXHOUND HUNT

Hounds, Horses & Heritage
JOIN OUR 8 EZ INTRODUCTION TO FOXHUNTING CLINIC SERIES

These eight fun and informative sessions build skills, knowledge and confidence for newcomers to learn about the sport, our hounds, land stewardship and the club's history on Fort Leavenworth. This series is for riders of all disciplines and anyone curious about the only active Military Affiliated Hunt remaining in the United States.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

- ✓ **Location:**
Wainwright Riding Complex (next to FLH Hound Kennels)
265 McPherson Ave Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027
- ✓ **Dates/Times:**
8/29, 9/5, 9/12*, 9/19*, 9/26, 10/10 | Mounted at 9:00
*These Dates Have 2 Sessions
- ✓ **Entry:**
Clinic is **free** for new riders!
- ✓ **Riders Must Wear:**
Heeled Boots, ATSM Approved Helmet
- ✓ **Junior Riders (under 18):**
MUST be accompanied by their parent/guardian to participate
- ✓ **Riders Bring with you:**
Hold Harmless WAIVER, Suitable Horse**, Proof of Negative Coggins
- ✓ **All Participants Please Register:**
flhsecretary2@gmail.com

Fort Leavenworth
"The Best Hometown In The Army"

**Sessions are not intended for beginner riders, please contact us prior to the event if you need help finding a horse

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VINTAGE COUNTY FAIR

Come experience an 1870's county fair. Old Cowtown Museum is hosting a Vintage County Fair. This is a family-friendly event for all ages. Guests will judge different contests and participate in historic games.

Pricing:

- Adults: \$15
- Seniors and veterans: \$14
- Youth: \$10
- Members: \$5

[Check out their website for more information!](#)

Free used sewing machines to a good home. Any 4-H'ers needing a machine, please contact susiek@ksu.edu for contact information. If they have several machines for Sedgwick County 4-H, we will see if they can be delivered to the office for all to pick up here.

Attention All Leaders (Project and Club): Mark your calendar for October 25th for a Leadership Retreat provided by the PDC. More information to come!



Citizenship in Action

Sedgwick County 4-H Members visit the County Commission Meeting advocating for 4-H and Extension!

THESE LADIES WOULD LOVE TO COME TO A MEETING WITH YOUR CLUB. JUST SEND US AN INVITE AND ONE OF US WILL TRY TO MAKE IT.



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