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4-H NEWS

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RODEO CONCESSION STAND

The Fourteenth Annual
Doniphan County Rodeo
will be **Friday, June 12th**

and Saturday, June 13th. We will have
the concession stand open as a council
fund raiser. This is a Very Busy Conces-
sion Stand!

4H Club Schedule:

Friday, June 12th - 6:00 - 10:00

Bendena (5:45 -7:00)

Midway Meadowlarks(7:00-8:30)

Doniphan Star (8:30-close).

Saturday, June 13th - 5:30-10:00

Highland Cloverpatch & Troy Triangle
(5:45 -7:00)

Circle B (7:00-8:30)

Wathena Sunflower (8:30 til close)

Fourth of July Fundraiser for 4-H Council, Saturday the 4th!

Breakfast at the Fairgrounds!
Serving 7:30 - 10:00 am.

SUMMER SWIM PARTY

Saturday, July 18th from 7:30 pm—9:30p.m.
Hiawatha Fisher Center Pool. FREE! All 4-H
Families invited!! Bring Snacks!

2026 COUNTY FAIR

It is the decision of the fair board to keep
the horse show, craft judging and pho-
tography judging on Saturday prior to the
fair week. *Note Sunday Dog Show

2026 Livestock Schedule

Friday, July 24—Set Up 6:00

**Saturday, July 25th—Horse, Crafts
and Photography project judging**

**Sunday, July 26th— Pet Show 4:00 &
Dog Show 6:00 p.m.**

Monday, July 27nd - Swine Show,
6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 28th Sheep & Meat Goat
Show, 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, July 29th Dairy Goats,
Dairy & Beef Show, 6:30 p.m.,
Rabbit Show, 8:00 am
Poultry show, 9:00 am**

Thursday, July 30th - Premium Sale,
7:30 p.m.

When you get you fairbook in June, High-
light your project judging times!

4-H CLOVERBUD CAMP

Monday, July 9th at the fairgrounds.
Registration Deadline July 2nd . Cost \$15.
Time: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Lunch provided.
Stop by the Extension office to register and
pay. Fun ,Fun Day for the Cloverbuds!





FAIR SET-UP/CLEAN UP on Friday Evening

With the horse show on Saturday morning, we will be setting up for fair Friday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. .
Set Up Friday -Doniphan Star & Highland Cloverpatch

Fair Take Down, Friday, from 7:00 am - 9:00 a.m. Bendena, Wathena Sunflower and Troy Triangle

Clean Up after the Dance, 11:00 pm Midway Meadowlarks & Circle B
**Duties are rotated. Please make time to show up for your shifts! ☺

Please Read Your NEW Fair Book!!

Every year there are changes to the rules in many projects. It is your responsibility to read through the Fair book when you get it to be sure you are aware of those changes. We don't like disqualifying the youth, but it is important to comply by the rules of the state.

***The fairbook will be completed and available by mid-June. Highlight your project areas and class numbers!**

Again, we stress that you read your Fair book carefully to ensure that the project is meeting every guideline so everyone has a positive experience.

4-H Club County Fair Contest will be Face-boards! Judging will be based on design, construction and creativity.
"4-H Theme"

NEW FAMILIES IN 4-H

As we approach the summer months of 4-H activities, you may be a little overwhelmed with questions and concerns.

We are here for you! Don't be shy to ask questions of your club leaders, other experienced parents and of course the Extension agents! We work together as a team to make sure the children have a positive and rewarding experience in 4-H events and activities.

*FOOD PRESERVATION

All Fair Food Preservation entries will be subject to strict guidelines. Please use www.rrc.ksu.edu as a resource site. Click on Home Preservation link.



*Use only recommended recipe resources: "So Easy To Preserve", current Ball Canning book, USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, or any Extension Publication recipe resource.

*Check on your altitude and make processing time adjustments.

*Use the new canning labels available at the Extension office, or label templates may be found at www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=46 or <https://bit.ly/2PqS3Dx>



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS!

We are so proud of you!

**Henry Geiger
Addison Grable
Alyson Grable
Reed Foley**

It has been wonderful watching you grow up in the Doniphan County 4-H Program!

We wish you the best of luck on all your future endeavors!

***Please Remember all the Great Times you had in 4-H and come back to visit!**

CONCESSION STAND HAMBURGER

If you have been to the grocery store lately, you will have noticed how high the cost of hamburger has become.

In order to keep fair concession stand prices reasonable...if you would like to donate hamburger to 4-H council, we will use it to keep menu prices from jumping up.

Hamburger Must come from a certified meat locker or a grocery store.

Please contact Kathy if you would like to help!



We want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the volunteers here in Doniphan County!
You make

everything we do possible! Your gifts of Time and Talents do not go unnoticed. We Appreciate You!

COUNTY FAIR T-SHIRTS

County Fair t-shirts must be worn at all fair contests, with the exception of the horse show.

We should be receiving ordered t-shirts here at the office in June. We will contact leaders when they are ready to be picked up.



ROCK SPRINGS 4H CAMP

Every year, thousands of young campers come to Rock Springs Ranch. They unplug, explore, play and learn the kinds of lessons that can last a lifetime. Campers grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. Many make friends for life. It's also just plain FUN!

The values of 4-H are at the core of Rock Springs Ranch and they guide all of our programming. We believe the lessons learned here can create a foundation for success that will last far beyond their visit. But you don't have to be a 4-H member to come to camp at Rock Springs! Everyone is welcome, regardless of 4-H membership!

Learn more about camp and register at: <https://rockspringsranch.org/summer-camp>

Communication Opportunities at the State Fair and 2026 Public Speaking Topic

Remember that 4-H Members ages 9 and older who participated in 4-H Day and received a Purple or top blue ribbons can take their project talks, demonstrations, and illustrated talks to the Kansas State Fair.

Poetry entries can also be entered.

Public Speaking entries can come to the State Fair; however, regardless of the topic used locally, all contestants at the State Fair will use the same topic: "How has your journey in 4-H contributed to being Beyond Ready for current challenges and future goals?"

More information can be found in the 2026 State Fair Book.

YQCA TRAINING

Do you want your children to become better stewards and responsible for their 4-H animal's care? There will be a YQCA in-person training on Thursday, June 11th from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Any youth 8-18 years of age can attend but must be enrolled online using your 4HOnline credentials, before attending. There is a \$3 fee, but a coupon code will be created for those who sign up first, which will be shared later on.

Please let Katharine know about any questions or comments you may have. Please visit:

<https://yqcaprogram.org/local/resources/foryouthparents.php>

The 2026 session will cover Animal Well-Being Food Safety and Life Skills.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species livestock quality assurance program that began in 2017 after the merger of PQA and BQA curriculum. This is a rotating, annual training open to your 8-21 years of age. YQCA provides 60 minutes of education each year on proper care and handling of livestock with lesson topics rotating each year. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8-21 producing and or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits and poultry.

*Look for a flyer later on this training.





DONIPHAN COUNTY FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE NEWS



Please join us for
the 16th Annual
Women in Ag
Thursday, July 9,
2026 at 5:30 pm Troy

Community Center 1225 Last
Chance Rd, Troy, KS 66087
Registration begins - 5:30 pm
Introductions and Meal - 6:00

Program - 6:30 pm Managing
Stress in Agriculture
*Presented by Elaine Johannes
Ph.D, K-State Extension*
Being an Agricultural
Entrepreneur *Presented by
Jacqueline Smith*

Please bring canned food items
for the Annual Food Drive

Free event, thanks to our local
sponsors!

Please RSVP by July 2nd:
Doniphan County Conservation
District 785-985-2221 x 3,
QR code, or email:
patricia.griffin@ks.nacdnet.net

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at Doniphan County
Conservation District at
(785)-985-2221 x 3 or
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SELF COMPASSION TECHNIQUES

When you are enduring emotional/parenting
stress, receiving feelings of support and
comfort can offer relief. Consider the
following techniques:

Think of a family member or friend, and
consider ways in which they previously
brought you peace.

Did your grandmother stroke your hair as
you lay in her lap?

Did your father use a term of endearment to
cheer you when you were downtrodden?

Did a friend brighten your day with a smile
and laughter last time you were together?

Comfort yourself with loving actions, such as
putting your hand over your heart or giving
yourself a hug, and whisper kind words to
yourself, such as "I love you" or
"You can do this."

Take a momentary break and acknowledge
your current parenting challenge or demand.
Recognize that other parents have and are
currently feeling the way you do! Extend
compassion to yourself.

Recognize that you are not alone. Your
biological makeup consists of many
generations before you! Draw on the
resiliency of your ancestors by picturing
yourself surrounded by family members or
others who love and support you.





Salmonella Outbreak Linked to Cooler at County Fair

As the weather starts to warm up, more outdoor activities are being planned. They typically involve food stands or picnics where portable coolers or ice chests are used to keep food and beverages cold.

A 2024 Salmonella Enterica outbreak happened at a county fair in Illinois that was linked to a cooler that was reused multiple days without proper cleaning which led to contaminated ice. The beverage cans in the cooler were then contaminated. No other foods or other environmental factors were linked to this outbreak.

Clean ice chests after every use, even if it only contained beverages. Wash and scrub the interior with warm water and soap to remove any residue. Rinse well. Then sanitize with a solution of one tablespoon bleach per gallon of water. Drain and let air dry completely.

COMMUNITY CALENDER:

DONIPHAN COUNTY RODEO
Friday & Saturday June 12th and 13th

Women In Ag
Thursday, July 9th

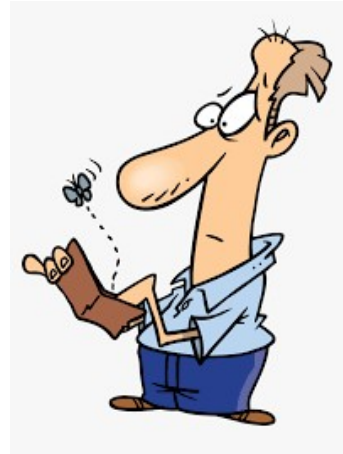
DONIPHAN COUNTY 4H FAIR
Saturday July 25th thru Friday July 31st



MAKING ENDS MEET

Unemployment, a reduction in wages, termination of support payments, and other emergencies can be traumatic experiences that leave you wondering how you can make it through such critical times. You can direct your financial affairs by taking a close look at your obligations and making informed decisions about what to do.

When your incomes decreases, or becomes uncertain, but the bills don't, keep these five "Cs" to making ends meet in mind.



Control. Control as much of the situation as you can. Don't panic or waste energy blaming yourself or others. Remember, you and your family can take control of your actions.

Claim. Claim benefits due to you. Check eligibility requirements for unemployment benefits and other assistance programs as soon as possible.

Communicate. Communicate with family members about the new limitations on your resources. Analyze your situation as a family unit and plan accordingly.

Confer. Confer with creditors. Don't ignore the problem and simply default on payments to creditors. Make every effort to work out a mutually acceptable repayment schedule.

Change. Change your lifestyle. Be prepared to make changes in your lifestyle at least temporarily, so you can maintain basic essentials.



Doniphan County

Agriculture & Natural Resources News

Katharine Sharp

Doniphan County Agriculture Agent



Grant Writing Workshop at Troy Library Wednesday, June 10th 9:30 am

Do you know how the new playground was installed down the street? How about initial money for a festival? Or are you wanting to apply for a grant for your organization? In any community, chances are that someone, or a group of individuals, wrote a grant proposal and received funding to help with the project.

Non-profits, local government officials, and community groups can learn more about writing successful grant proposals at a workshop planned in Troy on Wednesday, June 10th, 2026. The workshop is presented by Nancy Daniels, a community vitality specialist with K-State Extension and the author of many grant proposals. The training will be at the Troy Library from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and includes lunch. The cost to attend is \$60, and registration closes on June 3rd, 2026.

Renee Zwahl, a grants specialist at the Kansas Department of Commerce will be present and share about KDC grant opportunities. This is a great opportunity for any organization to meet Renee who may possibly help their organization with their situation in the future.

Workshop topics include:

- Sources of data for community needs (where do you find the numbers to back up your request?);
- Where to find grants;
- The five common elements of a great grant proposal;
- Practicing the grant writing elements.

Please make checks payable to Doniphan County Extension and mail/ deliver to PO Box 487, 105 South Liberty St. Troy, KS 66087 by June 3rd. Questions? Please contact Katharine Sharp.

Corn Plot Update

This year's corn plot will look a bit different, but no worries, change is not always a bad thing. This year, each seed dealer was invited to enter one entry per brand. Instead of two entries, this one entry will be replicated in the plot. Each entry had to be within 114, 115, or 116 relative maturity. We are anticipating studying the effect of fungicide applications.

Mr. Kyle Jeschke is the cooperater for this year's plot, which is located back at the Sparks location. Mr. Jared Pittman has agreed to be a crop scout. Our crop scout will not be aware of what each entry is, as each will be planted with a number 1-25 for example. Jared will send in his reports so others may monitor what he is reporting.

Please save the date for the **2026 Crop Plot Tour and Demonstration: Tuesday, August 18th, 2026**. More details will be shared later. For a look current crop conditions, and past crop plot data: go to doniphan.k-state.edu/crops/crop_plot/

Our entries this year include:

- AgriGold – Luke Rush
- Becks Hybrids – Dustin Libel
- Brevant – Gage Emmendorfer
- Channel – Ryan Grable
- Croplan – Joyce Rush
- Dekalb – Joyce Rush
- Hoegemeyer – Kevin Thompson
- Mustang – Jesse Clark
- NC+ - Rick Hoffman
- Renk – Garrett Meng
- Rob-See-Co – Rhett Pierce
- Taylor – Jason Rockhold

Grant Writing Workshop

**Grants are a vital piece in your community's
funding puzzle...and you can do it.**

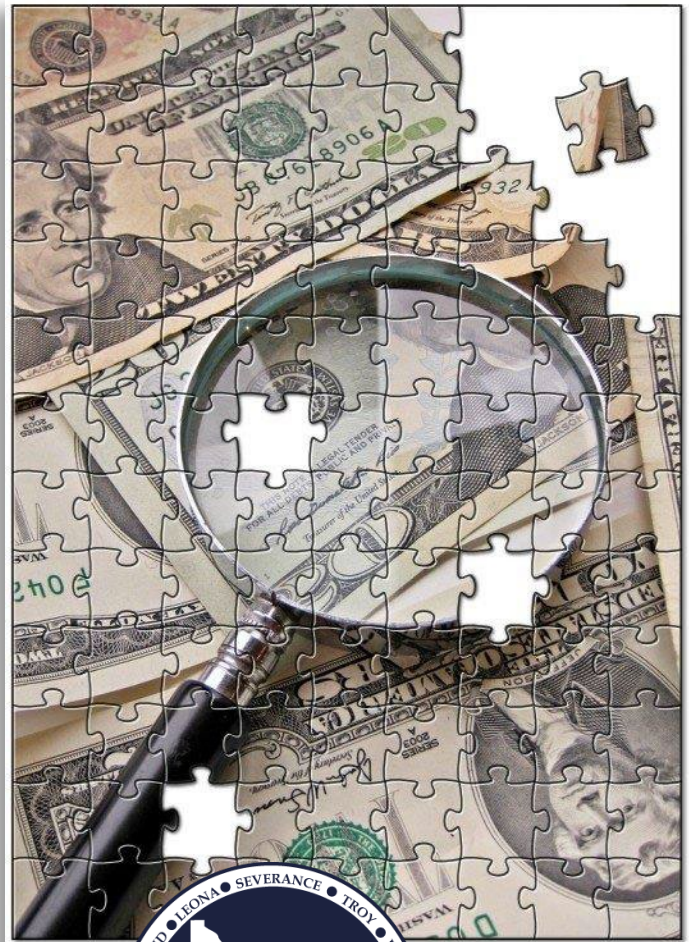
June 10th

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Troy Library, 105 North Main St.

Troy, Kansas

Registration Fee: \$60



What you will learn:

- Sources of data for community needs.
- Where to find grants.
- Elements of a great grant proposal.
- Practicing the grant elements.

Presented by: Nancy Daniels

Community Vitality Specialist

K-State Extension

To register or for more information:

Katharine Sharp

kgsharp@ksu.edu

785-985-3623

Make checks payable to: Doniphan County Extension

Registration Deadline: June 3rd, 2026



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Please join us for the
15th Annual
Women
in Ag



Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Troy Community Center

1225 Last Chance Rd, Troy, KS 66087

Registration begins - 5:30 pm

Introductions and Meal - 6:00 pm

Program - 6:30 pm

Managing Stress in Agriculture

Presented by Elaine Johannes Ph.D, K-State Extension

Being an Agricultural Entrepreneur

Presented by Jacqueline Smith

Please bring non-perishable food items for the Annual Food Drive



Free event, thanks to our local sponsors!

Please RSVP by July 2nd:

Doniphan County Conservation District

785-985-2221 x 3, QR code, or email:

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JUNE 12 & 13, 2026
7:00 P.M. EACH NIGHT

DONIPHAN COUNTY 4-H ARENA
100 N. BODER, TROY, KS

Ticket Prices: 12 & Over \$10; Ages 5-11 \$5; 4 & under FREE
4-H will have a concession stand both nights!