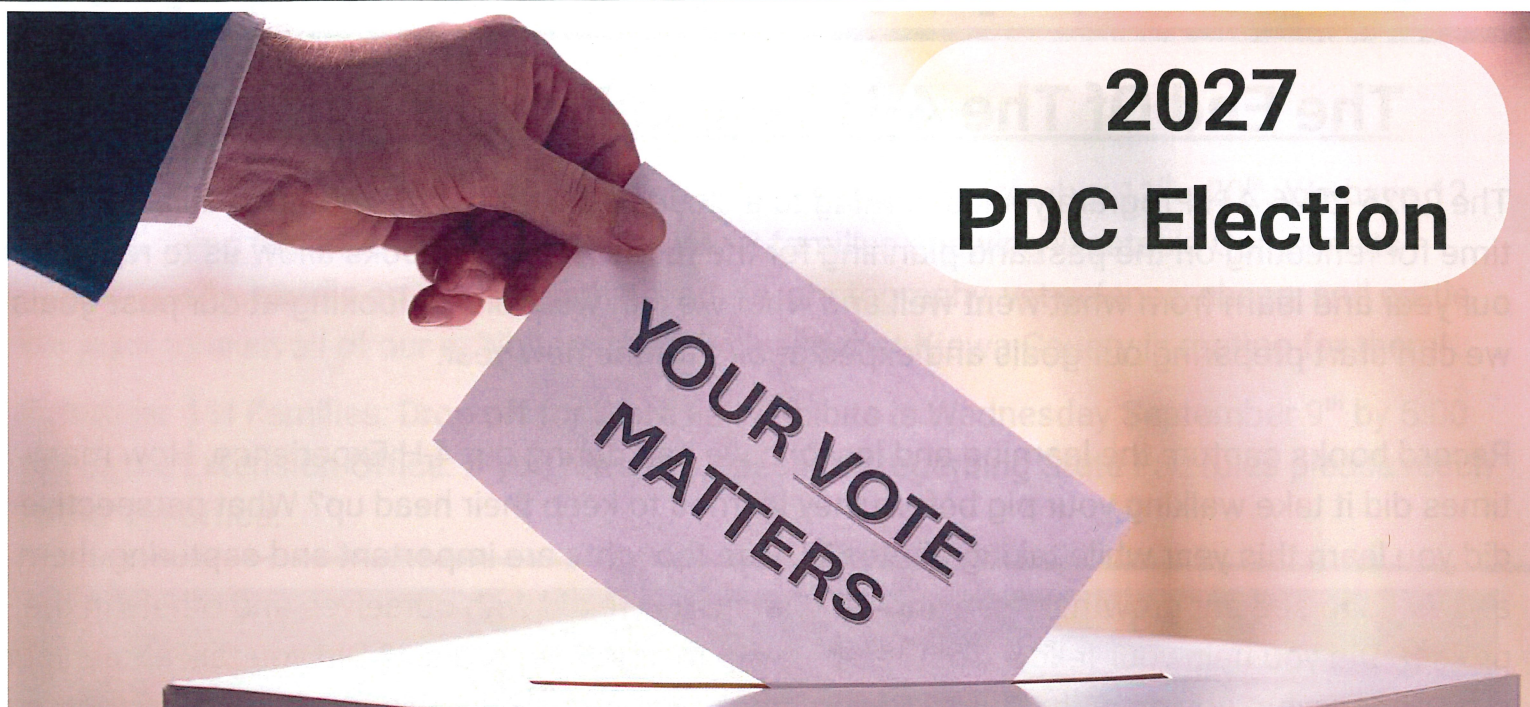




September 30th from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The 2027 Program Development Committee (PDC) elections will be held at the Kiowa County Extension Office. County residents are encouraged to participate by voting for three representatives in each program area: Agriculture and Natural Resources, 4-H Youth Development, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Community Vitality.

Voters will sign in upon arrival and cast an anonymous paper ballot. Residents interested in helping guide local Extension programming are encouraged to take part in the election.

Important Dates

- **Sept. 9th** - 4-H State Fair Exhibits dropped off by 5:00 PM
- **Sept. 30th** - 2027 PDC Elections from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Kiowa County Extension Office

Office Closed

- **Sept. 7th** - Labor Day
- **Sept. 11th** - Close at 11:00 AM
- **Sept. 15th** - From 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- **Sept. 21st** - State Fair Pick-Up until 2:00 PM
- **Sept. 25th** - Until 10:00 AM
- **Sept. 29th** - KSE Event

Contact us at (620) 723-2156 or kw@listserv.ksu.edu.

"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 four weeks prior to the start of the event. 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."



Kiowa County 4-H



The End Of The 4-H Year & New Beginnings!

The 2025-2026 4-H Program year is coming to a close at the end of this month. Fall is a great time for reflecting on the past and planning for the future. Records books allow us to reflect on our year and learn from what went well and what we can work on. By looking at our past goals we can start preparing our goals and expectations for the new year.

Record books capture the learning and lessons we had during our 4-H Experience. How many times did it take walking your pig before they learned to keep their head up? What perspective did you learn this year while taking photos? These thoughts are important and capturing them allows us to see our growth. It also shows what steps we did with ourselves and others in the project. Did you help your fellow 4-H member with their leather project? Did you talk about your project and what you do with others? Record books capture our story and it is a good story to tell. So think a little deeper when filing out your record books. Gather your expenses, review your experiences, and goals. What is YOUR story?

When it comes to Records here in Kiowa County you need a new personal page filled out, fill in your permanent record, complete the Kiowa County Highlights Form. If you are interested in receiving a 4-H Achievement Pin you must complete at least one general or animal project record form in addition to the minimum requirements.

Reflecting is great but what makes it vital is the actions you take from it. As we finish up we get to look at the road ahead for the 2026 - 2027 4-H Year. October 1st 2026 kicks off the new year and enrollment is open in 4-H Online. Make sure to update any family information needed and think about what projects you want to do. 4-H is a family organization so make sure to have those conversations about what you want to do and priorities for the year.

I want to thank everyone for their time, effort, and care to make a great 4-H year and I am so excited to have many more! If you have any questions about record books and starting the new for 4-H please reach out!



2026 Kansas State Fair

The 2026 Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson will take place September 11th - 20th. We have 12 exhibits going from Kiowa County along with 2 families showing livestock. Our exhibits include foods, needle art, quilts, clothing, crafts, photography, vet science, sheep, and cattle. We want to wish all of our exhibitors good luck and that Kiowa County is rooting for them!

Reminder 4-H Families: Drop off for State Fair Exhibits is Wednesday September 9th by 5:00 PM to the Extension Office. If you have any questions regarding State Fair rules please reach out to the office.



Test Before You Feed: Nitrate and Prussic Acid Risks in Forages

Drought-stressed sorghum, sudangrass, and sorghum-sudan forages can contain dangerous levels of nitrates or prussic acid, both of which reduce the animal's ability to use oxygen. Risks increase following drought, hail, fertility issues, or rapid regrowth after rainfall.

To reduce the chance of livestock losses:

- Test suspect forage before grazing or feeding.
- Avoid turning hungry cattle onto potentially risky forage.
- Remember that hay and silage are not always free of risk.
- Collect representative forage samples for accurate test results.

The cost of forage testing is small compared to the loss of even one animal. When in doubt, test first rather than take a chance.

Services & Equipment

Free Services & Material

- Forage and Soil Sampling
- Crop and Horticulture Diagnostics
(*unless samples need testing*)
- Water, forage, and soil sample testing kits
- K-State Extension publications

Equipment to sign out

- Forage, Soil and Soil Moisture probes
- Hand drill
- Vaccine cooler and repeater syringes
- Measuring Wheel

Materials for purchase

- Radon test kits - \$8.50 per kit
- Neutroleum Alpha 8 oz - \$40.00 per bottle
 - A commercial perfume compound used to neutralize strong odors—like skunk spray, dead animals, or kennel smells—by masking them with a minty scent.
- Photo mounting boards - \$1.00 per board

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