

# 2026 4-H District Club Day Results for Cloud County 4-Hers



Members from the River Valley Extension District 4-H Clubs attended District 4-H Club Day Held Saturday, February 6, 2026, at Cloud County Community College in Concordia, KS. The following results are for Cloud County 4-H Clubs (Clyde Roadrunners – CRR, Hill and Dale – H&D, Hollis Hustlers – HH, Hopewell Corners – HC, Miltonvale Hustlers – MH)

**Show and Share:**

- Participation: Raegyn Choitz - HC
- Participation: Brynn Biery - CRR
- Participation: Lillie Simmons - MH
- Participation: Jaradee Perret - MH
- Participation: Izabella Edmonson - MH
- Participation: Claire Mueting - HC
- Participation: August Ringer - HC
- Participation: Elyssa Z. - HC
- Participation: Annalise Z. - HC

**Junior and Senior Instrumental:**

- Top Purple: Elizabeth Paillet - MH
- Alt. Top Purple: Kate Wurtz - CRR
- Blue: Remi Wurtz - CRR
- Red: Kinley Valeka - CRR

**Talent, Skits, Plays, Other Talent, and Dance:**

- Top Purple: Hopewell Corners
- Blue: Hollis Hustlers
- Blue: Miltonvale Hustlers

**Vocal Music:**

- Top Purple: Grace Demars - MH
- Top Purple: Esther and Elizabeth Paillet - MH
- Top Purple: Leah Demars - MH
- Top Purple: Esther Paillet - MH
- Top Purple: Miltonvale Hustlers
- Top Purple: Verity Elstrom- HC
- Blue: Elizabeth Paillet - MH

**Senior Readings and Solo Acting:**

- Top Purple: Grace Demars - MH

**Jr. Reading:**

- Blue: Elizabeth Paillet – MH
- Blue: Eizlea Simmons – MH
- Blue: Waide Simmons – MH

**Public Speaking:**

- Top Purple: James Simmons – MH
- Red: Jeremiah Johnson – MH

**Piano:**

- Blue: Chase Sandmann – CRR
- Blue: Hayden Sandmann - CRR

**Project Talk:**

- Top Purple: Macee McDuffee - MH
- Blue: Everly Katt - CRR
- Blue: Adeline Katt - CRR
- Blue: Eizlea Simmons - MH
- Blue: Waide Simmons - MH
- Blue: Hadley Mueting - HC
- Blue: Benjamin Elstrom - HC
- Red: Cayden Honts - HC
- Sr. Demonstrations – Illustrated Talks:**
- Top Purple: Grace Demars – MH
- Top Purple: Lee Lacy – MH
- 2nd Alt. Top Purple: Emily Kelsey – MH
- Blue: Jessa Ringer – HC
- Blue: Mark Paillet – MH
- Blue: Noah Demars – MH
- Blue: Seth Lacy – MH
- Blue: Hayden Sandmann – CRR
- Red: Keaton Robeson – HH
- Red James Simmons - MH
- Jr. Demonstrations – Illustrated Talks:**
- Blue: Trent Mueting – HC
- Blue: Chase Sandmann – CRR
- Blue: Leah Demars – MH
- Blue: Frankie Ryser - CRR
- Blue: Esther Paillet – MH
- Blue: Elizabeth Paillet - MH
- Red: Weston Ringer - HC

Eligible Top Purple placings may participate in the Regional 4-H Club Day to be held March 28, 2026, at the Clay Center Community High School, 1630 9th Street, Clay Center.

# KSU announces fall 2025 graduates

MANHATTAN — More than 1,100 students completed degree requirements from Kansas State University in fall 2025.

The university awarded approximately 800 bachelor's degrees, 250 master's degrees and 50 doctorates. Several students earned multiple degrees.

For outstanding academic performance, more than 681 students earned graduation honors. Of those, 262 students graduated summa cum laude with a grade point average of 3.95 or above, 238 students graduated magna cum laude with a grade point average of 3.85 to 3.949, and 181 students graduated cum laude with a GPA of 3.75 to 3.849.

Area students receiving degrees from Concordia are: Rheagan Bethune, Bachelor of Science; Patricia Montoya, Bachelor of Science, Cum laude

# Looking Back

**75 YEARS AGO  
Feb. 26, 1951**

Concordia Catholic Wildcats ran into stiff defensive playing and dropped both ends of a double bill Friday night at Tipton, losing the main event game 44-48 and the B opener 29-46 in their closing scheduled tilt for the season. The Wildcat's Duehren, usually on the heavy scoring end, was unable to get away Friday night. Courville managed to get into the clear and make some good ones from the field and took high scoring honors with 14 points. In the one-sided B team game, Walsh and Hevert were high scorers for Concordia with eight points each; Brummer took nine for Tipton. . .Six babies, all boys, were born at the St. Joseph hospital over the weekend. The young men are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Stafford, Formoso; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sanderson, Scandia; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clause, Randall; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Taylor, Clifton; Mr. and Mrs. William Froger, Morrowville; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heaton of Jamestown. All of the boys, except for Sanderson's and the Froger's, were born Sunday, Feb. 25; those two arrived Saturday, Feb. 24.

**50 YEARS AGO  
Feb. 26, 1976**

Crime in Cloud County increased 12 percent in 1975 over 1974, according to figures compiled by Cloud County Sheriff Fred Modlin. Most of the increase occurred in the areas of theft and vandalism. In all, the Sheriff's Department investigated 112 crimes in 1975, of which the three most prevalent were theft (29), burglary (15), and vandalism (14). One case of murder is still being investigated. . . Because there is an increased incidence of flu in Concordia and this area, St. Joseph Hospital is taking extra precautions to protect patients from the flu virus, hospital officials said today. The general public, it is pointed out, can be a tremendous help in keeping the patients from catching the flu while in the hospital. The public is asked to not visit the patients when experiencing even the slightest flu-like symptoms. Persons who have any flu or cold symptoms are asked to not visit at the hospital, but to send a get-well card, or call the patient in whom they are interested. There are newly installed phones in each patient's room.

**25 YEARS AGO  
February 26, 2001**

Middle School spellers qualified for the Cloud County Spelling Bee following the school's competition. They are Stuart Warkentin, Shelby Brownell, Alicia McKenna, Eileen Remley, Ethan Wilcox and Cassandra Looper. James Wood is an alternate. . .Marsha and Mike Wentz were crowned queen and king of the Cloud County Health Center Mardi Gras last Friday night at the Concordia Moose Lodge. The annual event is a fundraiser for the auxiliary. Nicholas Owen, senior at Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, will be directing the play "Beyond the Horizon," by Eugene O'Neill, which will be presented the next two weekends at Fitzpatrick Auditorium at KWU. Owen is the son of Ivon and Pat Owen of Concordia. . . Army Pfc. Dustin R. Timmons has graduated from the military police advanced individual training course at Fort Leonardwood, Waynesville, MO. He has trained to provide support to the battlefield by conducting battlefield circulation control, area security, prisoner of war operations, civilian internee operations and law and order operations. Timmons is the son of Betty H. Timmons, Concordia.

# Chamber Corner

Please join us on March 3, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m, at The Concordia Chamber of Commerce, 207 W 6th Street, for our weekly Chamber Coffee.

If you are interested in becoming a Chamber Member or being a Chamber Coffee Sponsor, please contact Annie Bergmann at 785-243-4290, or email info@concordiakansaschamber.com.

Join us for coffee and donuts: Donuts provided by Me and Ma's Bakery. Keep up to date on all the events and activities happening in Concordia and the surrounding area.

Our Coffee sponsor for March 3, 2026, is NCK CASA/Hope's Place, CAC.

NCK CASA and Hope's Place CAC will be hosting Chamber Coffee March 3rd. They will be talking about Wear Blue Day on April 6th, as well as Child Abuse Prevention Month throughout April. Each year, NCK CASA sells "Wear Blue Day" shirts for the community to wear on "Wear Blue Day," the 1st Friday of April. NCK CASA also has activities throughout Child Abuse Prevention month, which they will be talking about.

250th year to celebrate our nation: July 4th Plan to decorate your parade entries!

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# SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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3							6	
			1		6	2	4	
		2		1			8	
		7						
	1		8	9				
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2							5	3
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Level: Intermediate

# Crossword

1	2	3	4				5	6	7		8	9	10	11	
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. What travelers must do
- 5. Calendar month
- 8. Hopefully quickly
- 12. Once more
- 14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 15. "Cheers" actress Perlman
- 16. Astronomy unit
- 18. Savings vehicle
- 19. Get your ducks in this
- 20. Right away
- 21. Popular sports league
- 22. Containers
- 23. Entireties
- 26. One who wassails
- 30. Turned-up position
- 31. Extreme modesty
- 32. Writing utensil
- 33. Rewards (archaic)
- 34. Ancient capital
- 39. S. American wood sorrel
- 42. General discomfort
- 44. Philippine island
- 46. A witty saying
- 47. One who summarizes
- 49. Covered in
- 50. Mimic
- 51. Henry was a notable one
- 56. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
- 57. Retired NFLer Newton
- 58. Playground equipment
- 59. Concept
- 60. Satisfaction
- 61. Fishing net
- 62. Hammer end
- 63. A father's male child
- 64. Japanese drink

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Off-Broadway figure
- 2. Gelatinous substance
- 3. Concern
- 4. "Lick It Up" rockers
- 5. Serbian river
- 6. Part of a hat
- 7. Bowl-shaped drinking vessel
- 8. Semitic language
- 9. Utter a shrill cry
- 10. Long times
- 11. Animal parts
- 13. Causing annoyance
- 17. Amorous talker
- 24. Attempt
- 25. Harmonic effects
- 26. Cost per mile
- 27. They \_\_\_
- 28. Bitterly regret
- 29. Not even
- 35. A way to drop
- 36. Title of respect
- 37. World leader
- 38. Georgia rockers
- 40. National capital
- 41. Great Plains people
- 42. Duck-sized dinosaur genus
- 43. Architectural recesses
- 44. Member of U.S. Navy
- 45. Mountainous
- 47. Kite bird
- 48. Sweetheart (archaic)
- 49. Popular snack made of potato
- 52. 70s songsters The Bee \_\_\_
- 53. SE China port \_\_\_-men
- 54. Something to fill up
- 55. League of Legends character

## Puzzle Answers on Page 8A

### NOTICE TO CERTIFIED ARBORISTS

The City of Concordia (Sponsor) is hereby soliciting Statements of Proposals from licensed certified arborists who are bonded and is a part of the Kansas Arborist Association and/or International Society of Arboriculture credentialed arborist to plant and prune trees. Subject to the receipt of the Community IRA Grant the project will include the following:

1. The planting of 24 downtown trees.
2. The pruning of 6 trees located at the (3) Broadway Plaza and (3) 5th Street downtown parking lot.
3. The planting of 24 trees designated by the City at other various locations around Concordia.

The full language of the RFP can be found at [www.concordiaaks.org](http://www.concordiaaks.org) Interested arborists may contact Amy Lange, City Manager, City of Concordia, at [citymanager@concordiaaks.org](mailto:citymanager@concordiaaks.org) or (785) 243-2670 to request consideration for this project. All statements must be received by 4:00 p.m. on March 26, 2026.

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