A Word From Your Agent...

Happy August everyone! I hope you have all rested and recovered from the fair. I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers, superintendents, sponsors, and families for all of your hard work and dedication to make the fair happen!! We had some changes this year, and I truly appreciate the grace and flexibility from all of you. It was a really wonderful fair, and I look forward to doing it again with you next year!

Since we have gratitude on our minds, make sure you are writing thank you notes! A handwritten note to a sponsor or volunteer goes a long way toward assuring that they continue to give to Shawnee County 4-H, as well as centers your mind around the larger picture of what all goes into making the fair happen. If you are unsure of who to write thank you notes to, please reach out to the extension office and we can point you in the right direction!

Looking to the future, I have a couple of important dates for you. State fair entries are due to the extension office by 5 pm August 5th. You can find the entry form at https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/fair_info/2022-State-Fair-Information.html. We will not be able to take late entries. We will be taking your projects down again this year, on Wednesday, September 7th. All static exhibits should be dropped off at the office by 5 pm September 6th, with foods exhibits being accepted until 8:30 Wednesday morning. If you need to check if your project qualified, or are unsure of where to enter, please reach out!
Volunteer Opportunities

Kansas State Fair Volunteer Sign-Up

The Volunteer Sign-up document for the whole fair can be found at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_etUvRRKbSp4pjLw](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_etUvRRKbSp4pjLw)

Included in this sign-up is the set-up day. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are short staffed and need assistance now more than normal years. If you are available on August 31, we will be having a work day at Centennial Hall. It will be a day of setting up and cleaning up for the up-coming fair. We will start around 10 a.m. and end around 4 p.m. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.
Congratulations to our qualifying State Judging Teams!

**Horticulture Senior**: Amelia Foster, Riley Showalter, and Meredith Burgess

**Horticulture Intermediate**: Cooper Mengarelli, Shelby Showalter, Anne Conard, and Alyssa Stahl

**Photography Senior**: JoyAnne Boutz, Ethan Jackson, Elizabeth Poling, and Kaitlin Jackson

**Photography Intermediate**: Willa Swanson, Miles Burgess, John Conard, and Elvira High

**Livestock Team**: Sheldon Weber, Dagan Murray, Doug Peterson, and Daniel Biggs

**Livestock Individuals**: Emily Peterson, Austin Weber, Lilly Bayless, Elizabeth Deeter, and Carl Russell

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to our 2022-2023

**4-H King & Queen**

Daniel Biggs & Elizabeth Poling
Kansas 4-H State Events and Activities

4-H Leadership Learning Opportunities
We have a number of 4-H Leadership Learning Opportunities planned for this fall! Please save the dates and watch for additional information in the Tip Sheet and Email.

48 Hours of 4-H 2022
48 Hours of 4-H, October 8-9, is a chance to combine efforts all across the state to serve our communities. Save the date now and plan to take part.

Save the Date: Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

The Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will be held August 4 in St. John. The 4-H Wheat Expo is intended to educate Kansas youth about Kansas Wheat and is a project learning opportunity for 4-H members enrolled in Plant Science, Photography and Foods.
Like Photography? Want to grow as a Leader and expand your Technical skills? 
Apply to join the Picture Perfect Team ...

The Picture Perfect Team is seeking to fill 1-3 youth leaders who are ready to lead and help plan events such as the Statewide Workshop, local outings and help with County Fair photo judging.

What is the commitment?
- Planning of 3-4 local photo outings per year
- Designing and leading the annual Photo Workshop sessions
- Helping with Photo judging during fair, typically the Sunday before fair + set-up/tear down during fair
- Team estimates 6-7 planning meetings – typically a weekday evening

Requirements for Eligibility:
- Age 12 or older and enrolled in photography project for a minimum of 3 years
- Willing to respond to emails/texts and attend planning meetings
- Willing to expand photo skills and learn to lead sessions for 4-Hers. Apply skills and presentation skills during local events and the statewide workshop
- Commit to attend a majority of the planning meetings and events

To be considered, youth should provide a ½ to 1-page double spaced personal introduction and explain why they are a qualified candidate for the team. We encourage youth to share 1-3 of their favorite photos he/she has taken. Deadline is August 30th. Email the document to Project Leaders, Rick and Lisa at: ratmrwm@gmail.com and pfannz4h@gmail.com.
Seniors at Senior Recognition

From left to right: Tim Biggs, Chase Kell, Alex Lehmann, Gwen VanLeeuwen, Lakin Stahel, Alexandra Poling, Daniel Funk, Elizabeth Schaefer, Karlyn Gustin, and Anna Magill.

Not pictured: Brooke Boland, Emily Louderback, Kyndall Rake, Colin Reed, and Morgan Sharp.
Hello all. We sure hope your enjoying this break in the heat.

The 2022 Shawnee County Fair has come to a close and oh what fun and good times we’re had. Lots of great memories were made and life long lessons and experience was learned. Thank you to everyone who helped put this Fair together. Set up, tear down, pancake feed, events planned, entertainment scheduled, judges, superintendents, workers and everyone in between.

The Poultry show was another great success. Thank you Chris, our Superintendent, for putting it on and all together.

Congratulations to all the kids and open exhibitors. You all worked hard and it showed.

Also don’t forget if you have any kids interested in poultry, Andrew Johnson has started a poultry project with the Shawnee County 4-H youth. The educational talks will be held in conjunction with Andy's North Topeka Tractor Supply meets for more hands on experience. Any youth interested in poultry is invited to join.

When: 3rd Sunday of the month, between 8-11am. You don't have to be there right at 8 and you don't have to stay until 11. It is a drop in club just find Andy and he will get you informed!

Andy’s Tractor Supply Swaps 2022
North Topeka TSC    710 Hwy 24 East, Topeka, KS 66608

Best In Show was awarded to Jon, a Black Bantam Cochín Rooster, owned by Brooklynn Powell.

Reserve In Show was awarded to Fred, a White Pekin Water foul Hen, owned by Khloey Ebaben.
Riverside

The Riverside 4-H Club began the month of July by cleaning up Landon Trail. Later in the month, the club enjoyed refreshments and swimming at Lakeshore Swim Club. The club ended July with the Shawnee County Fair, where everyone enjoyed the club pizza party and tour.

Cameron Thompson, Club Reporter
Indian Creek

Indian creek 4-H Club had a great experience at the Shawnee County Fair! In addition to all of our individual projects, our club was one of the Pancake Feed Leads. We had a club meeting after pancake clean up and then toured everyone’s projects after the pickle eating contest. Indian Creek Club was well represented by our youth leaders during the king and queen contest. There were many ribbons won and lots of hard work by all members of our club that contributed to our projects. We are looking forward to elections at our next meeting in August and to the state fair in September.

Respectfully Submitted, Daniel Biggs, Indian Creek Reporter

Indian Creek Club members at the Shawnee County Fair
Horse Club

The summer is flying by with lots going on with Horse Club. The end of June brought District Horse Show at Domer Arena and the chance to qualify for State Fair. Alexis Studebaker, Angeline Saliceti, Alexis Chockley, Paige Chockley, Abby Capes and Lakyn Stoneking all competed in multiple events and each qualified for State Fair! The weekend of July 16-17 was County Fair Horse Show with 15 Horse Project members competing in many classes! It was a fun filled weekend that included Horse Judging, a Taco Feed and movie night and ended with the fan favorite Costume Class. The judge had a hard decision in that one with a Hawaiian team, a horse for sale, a patriotic duo and a visit from Thing 1 & Thing 2 from Doctor Suess! Just a couple days later, the club started its Hands on Horses display at County Fair with horse information and demonstrations, a fun craft and horses! County Fair ended with Alexis Chockley and Pagie Chockley competing in Round Robin Showmanship. This event is always a great learning experience and a change to connect to other 4H project kids to learn more about the animals they show.

The summer isn’t over yet either. Coming up soon will be the second Open Horse Show hosted by the Horse Club. This will be the weekend of August 6th & 7th. Visit our Facebook page (Shawnee County Kansas 4H Horse Club) to see a show bill...we’d love to have you join us for the show!

Submitted by Paige Chockley
Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

**August**

1. Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
2. Horse Clinic, Domer Arena
3. Shooting Sports, EMR, 6:30pm
4. 4-H Exchange Meeting, 7pm
5. State Fair Entries Due to Shawnee County Extension Office
6-7. 4-H Horse Show, Domer Arena
7. 4-H Events Council Meeting, 7pm
13. State Horticulture Judging Contest, Manhattan
22. Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
26. Chatterbox Articles Due
31. Horse Clinic, Domer Arena

**September**

3. Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show, Hutchinson
5. Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
6. Exhibits dropped off to Extension Office by 5pm!
9-18. Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
22. Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
24. State Archery Match, Lindsborg
26. Chatterbox Articles Due
26. Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
30-Oct 1. Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
30. End of 4-H Year

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All dates and activities are subject to change.