Hello 4-H Families! I hope your 4-H year is off to a good start and that you are enrolled. This will be the last Chatterbox you receive via email if you have not yet enrolled in 4-H Online for the 2022-2023 year.

We are excited to see you at Achievement Night on the 5th and Officer Training on the 13th! If you are a club officer, you can sign up for the training here: https://forms.gle/M4rDodCyWmvu9iUbA. Signups are due the 9th! Please note the start time at 1 pm, this is a correction on a previously published time.

Be sure to read this month's Chatterbox closely, as we have several important updates for the upcoming year!

Have a great November and Thanksgiving season!
-Grace

Remember to report your 48 Hours of 4-H projects!

https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html
Leavenworth County Extension is hosting a full day hands-on Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest Saturday, December 3rd in Tonganoxie, KS at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. All levels of experience are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Butler County Community College Livestock Judging Team & Coach will be to teach and officiate. More information and Registration can be found on the 4-H Upcoming Events. Registration is due November 14th. Please contact Haley, kelley13@ksu.edu, if you are planning on attending.

Shawnee County Agriculture Filed Trip Open to all 4-Hers
The Shawnee County 4-H Livestock Committee is hosting a Field Trip to enhance 4-Her's knowledge of Agriculture & Livestock. This year, 4-Her;s will get a chance to tour the NexGen Cattle Company on December 28th. More information to come via email and Facebook.

K-State Junior Swine Producer Day
Date – Saturday, March 11, 2023
Registration Deadline – February 15
Cost - $20/person by February 15 ($25/person after February 15)
*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 15 to receive a t-shirt.
*Both youth and adults attending need to register.
Online Registration - https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND

K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
Date – Saturday, March 18, 2023
Registration Deadline – February 22
Cost - $20/person by February 22 ($25/person after February 22)
*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 22 to receive a t-shirt.
**Both youth and adults attending need to register.
Online Registration - https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND
County Events

Assembling Bread Kits on December 19th

Kansas Day is just around the corner and you know what that means ….. we need your help in making bread in a bag kits. We will be putting together bread in a bag kit for School Enrichment on December 19th, Monday at 1:00 pm in the upstairs meeting room. If we can get 12 volunteers by December 5th; there will be a pizza party. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your fellow 4-H friends, and add community service to your record book. So come and join the fun!

The School Enrichment program is an opportunity to reach school-age children that may not have had any other 4-H experience. This is not a fundraiser for the Extension Office. The schools pay a nominal fee per student to cover the cost of the supplies. The bread in a bag Wheat Science program is one of the popular programs offered to the elementary teachers in Shawnee County.

Please call Haley Kelley at 785-232-0062 x112 or email kelley13@ksu.edu by December 6th so we will know how many helpers to count on.
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**Thanksgiving PHOTO SHOOT w/ fall Fruits/Veggies - WED Nov 9th!**

It is that time of year for seasonal fruits and vegetables to be front and center for Thanksgiving!!! And what a great time to **practice taking pictures of food!** Join the Picture Perfect youth leaders and **bring your phone or cameras**. We will have seasonal favorites as well as several unique fruits and veggies to identify. That's right - a little horticulture mixed in!

**You can't miss this class from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the upper meeting room at Shawnee County Extension Office (EMR). We WELCOME all curious 4-Hers, especially from Photography, Horticulture and Home Environment! You just need a current phone or camera to take pictures.

**What will we do/learn:**

- **Take really cool shots of food.** You can design a plate of items - including simple principles of design that can help you in home environment and photography
- **Experiment with under lighting** of transparent vegetables such as lemons and limes
- **Play with taking gooey shots** of the insides of fruits and veggies
- Explore the importance of **light and shadows** - back light, front light, side lighting
- **Practice developing effective pictures that include depth of field**
- **Identify the fruit/veggie and seeds (learning some horticulture skills)** of these special holiday foods favorites
- **AND, then at the end, we will take time to taste these wonderful foods!**
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County Events

Achievement Night
November 5, 2022
Auburn Community Center
6:30 PM

Join us at our 4-H Walk of Fame!

Officer Leader Training
November 13, 2022
Kansas Air National Guard Museum
1-5pm
Leader's Meeting 1-2pm
https://forms.gle/RSbNdhzvyEjKDEaA9
Stay785 Grant

The goal of Stay785 is to give youth in the community an opportunity to choose what they wish to see in Topeka and bring their vision to life. Beyond youth engagement, applicants can choose to focus on a multitude project types including, but not limited to, beautification, arts/music initiatives, or community service. Up to $2,000 may be requested in order to fund a project that aims to improve our community and keep youth in Topeka. Past grant winners have initiated murals, gardens, community care packages, and more! All applications must be submitted on or before November 15, 2022.

- Applications must be written by a youth between the ages of 12 - 21.
- Projects should be youth directed.
- Applicants must have support from an outside organization, i.e. their school, club or other community organization.
- Applicants may only apply for up to $2,000.
- Project Locations must be within the Topeka or Shawnee County area.
- An application that describes the project and budget narrative must be submitted. Certain projects will be moved through the process to be interviewed.
- A report is required following the competition of all grant funded activities.

Check out their video: https://youtu.be/-21TUWaASPw
Contact Rene Cabrera with any questions at topekayouthcommission@gmail.com
Kansas 4-H State Events and Activities

Save the Date for 4-H Ambassador and Communication Training

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be held February 24-25 at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp. They will also be offering some 4-H Communication Training for teens who might not be part of a local ambassador program. Shawnee County 4-Hers who are interested in expanding their leadership skills are encouraged to attend this weekend!

Be watching email and the Chatterbox for additional information.

The state 4-H program is also looking for volunteers and teen leaders who would like to serve on the 4-H Ambassador Action Team or have a passion for helping teens learn and improve communication skills. Please reach out if you have an interest.

You Can Order Find Your Spark T-Shirts from the Fair

The "Find Your Spark" t-shirts sold at the 2022 Kansas State Fair are available through an online order system with our business partner. Orders are due by November 23 and will be shipped before the holidays.

Share at your club meeting and save on shipping with a group order

- Perfect for holiday gifts
- Great way to say thank you to a leader or supporter!
- Plan now for matching shirts for your 4-H Day participants

Proceeds benefit the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. Thanks for your support of this project.
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**What to Expect at 4-H Camp in 2023**

We are excited to share what you can expect in 2023 for Kansas 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch.

We are continuing to expand our teen opportunities at camp. Leaders in Training (LIT) will be launched in 2023! These week-long sessions will be for our rising sophomores and juniors, which will include some great volunteer opportunities as well as some unique camp experiences. Be on the lookout for new and updated information about our programs via social media and our website.

Ready, set, register! Summer Camp 2023 registration will open on November 15, 2022! This includes half week, full week, LIT and Counselor in Training (CIT) sessions. We anticipate an influx of registrations at launch and last summer we did reach capacity in a few sessions. Early bird registration rate (10% discount) ends on December 31. The session dates are below. Visit rockspringsranch4hcamp.org for more information!

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Rock Springs employee applications for summer 2023 are now open! If you know someone who likes spending time outside and working with youth, RSR may be a great fit. We hire approximately 60 staff each summer in a variety of roles from counselor, activity specialist and leadership roles. For more information and job descriptions, visit our website under Employment.

- Rock Springs Ranch
Youth Tractor and Machinery Operations Program

It's time to start planning for the Spring and Summer 2023 Youth Tractor and Machinery courses. The program that KSRE utilizes is the National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) through Penn State Extension. This program has been selected since it meets the requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor and OSHA, and offers instructor training and support.

We encourage all counties and district agents to offer this important safety program to your communities. To become an Instructor, visit our Instructor Resources webpage. There is a one-time cost of $35. After completion of the course, instructors will receive a teaching guide, lesson plans, PowerPoint deck, updates to materials, annual tests/keys and more. The Instructor Training covers how to administer the course; it does not cover the content to be presented to students. You are encouraged to have multiple presenters to offer different perspectives and specialties. First responders, implement dealers and mechanics, local farmers and agriculture educators are just a few that can add different dynamics to your program.

For CURRENT and NEW Instructors:

The USDOL requires 24 hours of instruction for the minimum core areas. This may take place over several sessions and can include group discussions, demonstrations, field trips to farms or equipment dealers, and hands-on activities, all in addition to the classroom instruction which should meet the 24-hour requirement. We have reviewed this requirement with the university attorney and been advised to meet all the requirements or not offer the training, for two reasons:
1. If the program does not meet the minimum standards for certification, the university may be liable to any person that is certified who is injured in the operation of machinery to the extent the injury is caused by a lack of training;
2. The university potentially could be misrepresenting to an employer that an individual is properly trained, when our program has not met required standards under the regulations. Furthermore, this could extend our liability to future employers of these individuals who have relied upon our certification in authorizing the person to operate machinery.

* There has been discussion in the past about the 10–14-hour courses, this only covers tractor operation training and it is not part of our program.
* Each student should receive the Revised Third Edition manual; it has a green tractor on the cover.
* The GOOD NEWS is that we have been advised that allowing the employer of the student to administer the driving portion of the exam is approved, as long as the agent who is signing the certificate has either observed the test or can corroborate or verify that the person has passed; this should include a written verification of the employer.

CALL TO ACTION:
* Visit National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program
* Join Teams KSRE National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program
* Watch for more updates coming soon!
* Call or email Tawnie Larson with questions, tawnie@ksu.edu, or 785-532-2976
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**Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation**

Scholarship Awards for Key Award Recipients beginning 2026

The Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation (SCEEF) has exciting news for 4-Hers! SCEEF is committed to SUPPORT SUCCESS and invest in future Key Award recipients' continued development in secondary education. The SCEEF recognizes the project expertise, leadership and service commitment that is required to achieve the Key Award. 4-Hers commit to leading peers, experiment with new ideas and make a difference in clubs and the community. Youth INSPIRE others and MAKE THE BEST BETTER.

SCEEF is honored to announce that beginning in 2026, 4-Hers who achieve the Key Award will receive a scholarship post high-school graduation.

- Today's announcement provides the opportunity to all future 4-H Key Award candidates to make preparations to meet eligibility. See the Achievement Pin documents and Key Award requirements as 4-Hers plan the new year.
- To be eligible for the Key Award, 4-Hers must complete progressive requirements (over a minimum of a 4-year period). As an example, one requirement of the Key Award is to be enrolled and participating in 4-H Leadership project for (4) or more years.
- Recipients must be awarded the Key Award, remain in good standing and attend an accredited University or Tech School.
- Youth will need to apply for the Key Award scholarship beginning in 2026, providing their graduation date, name of the accredited secondary education provider with the 4-Hers student ID#. The one-time award is paid directly to the Educational Institution.

If you have questions about the preparation process to complete progressive Achievement Pins toward the Key Award, don't hesitate to connect with your Club Leader or our 4-H Agent.

The goal of SCEEF is to "Support Success" ... for the next generations of leaders.
Silver Lake

The Silver Lake 4-H Club has been very busy over the past month. We have been packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and decorating the display case at the local grade school to promote National 4-H week. And great job to those involved with the second place finish with our "no place like home" float in the homecoming parade.

-Jaylee Hamilton
Silver Lake Club reporter

Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers celebrated in October with a fall festival at the Queen Family Farm. Members and their families enjoyed yard games, potluck, a haunted hayride and BINGO.

Jenny Schaefer and Lynette Hudson were honored as outgoing community leaders. Thank you to both of them for their leadership and guidance.

Members received fair premiums and a swine project talk was given by Cheyanne Davis to close out the night.

- Cameron Thompson
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**Bunny Bunch**
Our Bunny Bunch 4-H club attended the KSRBA State Convention down in Hutchinson in October. Our rabbits placed very well, Brooklyn’s Netherland Dwarf, Chicago Style Pizza, received Best In Show and her Havana, Blueberry, received Best Opposite Sex of Breed. Jake/Christian’s Broken Black Mini Rex, Leo, received Reserve in Show. Kayla’s Tan, Ray, received Best Of Breed, and her sister, KyleeRose’s, mini rex, Fog, received Best Of Variety, and Best Of Group. Kierstyn’s Tan, Scotch, received Best Of Variety, and Best Opposite Sex.

Our members also participated in youth contests:
- Jake won the 2022 Kansas Prince
- Christian was the 1st runner up 2022 Kansas Lord
- Brooklynn won 1st Runner up Royalty Duchess
- Jake won Grand Champion in Breed ID and Showmanship
- Christian won Grand Champion in Breed ID, Judging, & 3rd runner up in Showmanship
- Brooklynn won 2nd Runner up Judging, 3rd Runner up Breed ID with a tie breaker
- Khloey won 3rd in Judging
- Kayla won 5th place for Breed ID and Showmanship
- Kierstyn won Grand Champion in Judging

We also welcomed a new member, Kaite, to our club.

-- Kierstyn Tillotson
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**Deer Trail**
All clubs are asked to do some sort of service during 48 hours of 4-H. This year, Deer Trail decided to clean the Landon Trail. We walked the north mile of the trail and collected trash. We had a good turnout, and great time, and were glad to give back to our community!

- Grace Funk

**Paw Prints**
After a successful fair, several members and parents of the club recently went to the 4-H State Dog Conference at Rock Springs, Oct 22nd and 23rd. They had a great time learning about scent work, building a hoop, eating delicious cinnamon rolls, and participating in the Quiz Bowl. Kloie Street and her dog Fusion even won the award of ‘Best Trick’!

We have a couple of events that all are welcome to attend. On December 3 we are going to be walking in the Miracle on Kansas Avenue Parade. Also, we are going to have an end of the year **Fun Bash** on December 29th in the EMR for 6:30 to 8:30. There are going to many treats and activities to take place. Lastly, November’s meeting is on the 28th at 7 pm in the EMR. If you have any questions, please contact the club at pawprintsdogclubsn@gmail.com.

Lastly keep your eyes out on a new Facebook page for Paw Prints that will keep update on community events and practices.

-Soriaya Coffman, Paw Prints Leader

**Foods Project Group**
We had a great time learning to make fluffy, light, golden brown biscuits. We learned that you can’t mix this dough too much. This is **NOT** the dough to make into ring donuts. They turn out tough and not at all flaky! But, when we follow directions, our biscuits are delicious and great for filling tummies at the end of our work!

Our next project meeting will prepare us for making overnight yeast rolls for our family visits for Thanksgiving. Mark your calendars for November 19 at 9:30am and plan to come join us!

-Laura Krainbill, Foods Project Group Leader
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All dates and activities are subject to change.