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Highlights:



April 1: Shawnee County Dog Show



April 12: YQCA Training



April 16-22: National Volunteer Week



May 1: Enrollment Deadline!

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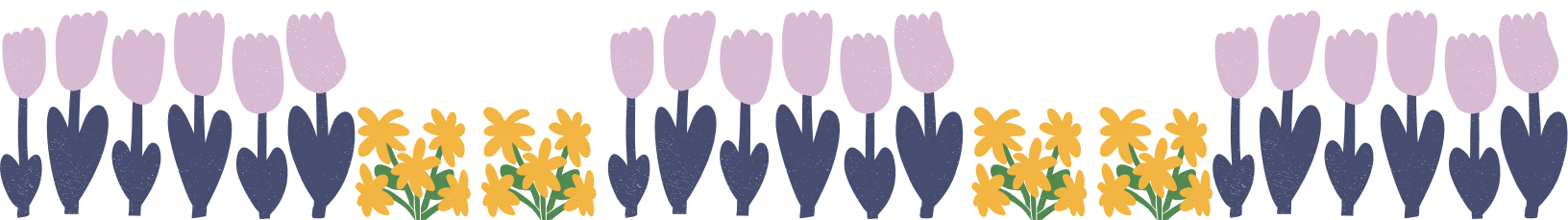
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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- April 1: Shawnee County Dog Show
- April 12: YQCA Training
- April 16-22: National Volunteer Week
- April 30: Small Animal Weigh-in
- **May 1: ENROLLMENT DEADLINE**

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Grace, Haley, & Lisa by April 26th

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A Word From Your Agent...

Dear Shawnee County 4-H,

Happy Spring! With the weather warming up and the 4-H programming gearing up, this is a very exciting time of year!

Registration is still open for camp at Rock Springs! You are able to attend any session that fits best in your schedule, and all enrolled Shawnee County 4-Hers are eligible for a \$100 scholarship.

<https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/>

Remember, May 1 is still our 4-H enrollment deadline. With the program fee please do not wait until May 1st to enroll or check your projects. We are not able to add a 4-H project on May 2nd or accept an enrollment. If you do not have your enrollment submitted by May 1st, you will not be able to exhibit at the County Fair.

Please take the time to let the new families in your club know about the importance of these deadlines. You only get Chatterbox if you are enrolled on 4-H Online. The projects you are enrolled in on May 1st are the only projects you can participate in for the county fair. **GOING TO PROJECT MEETINGS DOES NOT ENROLL YOU IN THAT PROJECT. GOING TO 4-H MEETINGS DOES NOT ENROLL YOU IN 4-H.** If you have any questions, please let me know. 4-H'ers can join a club after May 1st but they cannot participate in 4-H divisions of the 2023 Shawnee County Fair.

Lastly, if you are in the Horse project, the horse ID deadline has moved to June 1st. You must be enrolled by May 1st and your horse must be ID'd by June 1st if you wish to show at the fair.

Happy Spring!

- Grace

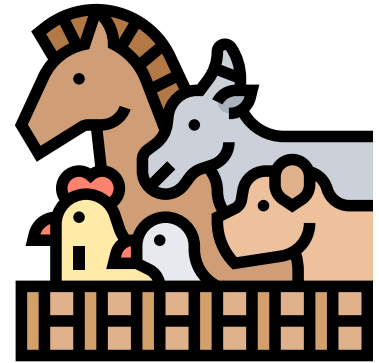
Fair Book Cover Contest Winners

Congratulations to Keaton Mengarelli and Bella Bricker for winning 1st and 2nd place in the fair book cover contest! Keaton's art will be featured on the front page of the fair book and Bella's will be midway through as the open class cover. You will be able to see their covers in early May when fair books are printed!

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Livestock Corner



Important Dates

April 12th @5:30pm: YQCA Instructor-Led Training

April 29: Bucket Calf, Goat, Sheep & Swine Weigh-In 1-4pm

May 6th: Shawnee County Spring Show at Stormont Vail Events Center

May 30th: YQCA Instructor-Led Training

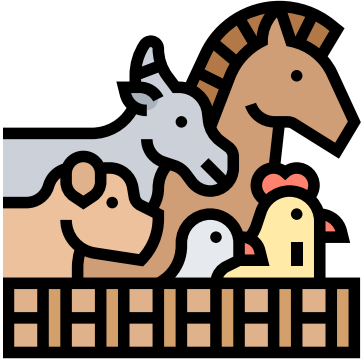
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program. It is open to youth 7-21 years of age and focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. For further details, YQCA Training please contact Haley (kelley13@ksu.edu) & Leroy (lrussel@ksu.edu) or visit the program website, yqcaprogram.org.

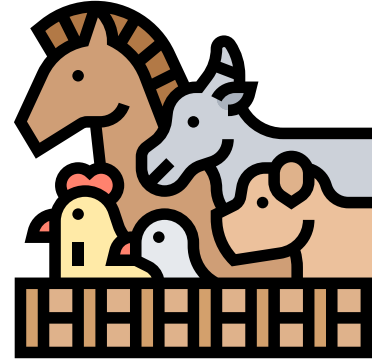
All those wishing to attend a future YQCA Instructor-Led Training, note that you should register at yqcaprogram.org and complete the Pre-Test BEFORE attending the training.

YQCA Training is still required for all Shawnee County Livestock Exhibitors 4-H Age 7-18(including Meat Rabbits & Broiler Meat Chickens) and State Livestock Shows; Kansas State Fair & Kansas Junior Livestock Show(KJLS).

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State Livestock Nomination Information Available



The 2023 information for state livestock nominations has been released. The process transitioned to an online system in 2022, so there are no longer physical forms for families to complete and mail. Families will purchase DNA envelopes in advance, submit their animal and exhibitor information online, then mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations online. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2022) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the Youth Livestock Program for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account.

All market animals and commercial females youth would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS must be nominated.

Market Beef nominations will be due May 1, with Small Animal due by June 15. The deadline to order DNA envelopes has been moved up to 10 days prior to the deadline, which is April 20 and June 5, respectively. Information may be found under the "Nomination Information" tab on the youth livestock website: <http://bit.ly/ksunominations>. Families are highly encouraged to use the resources available, especially the Rookie Guide.

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From the King & Queen Team

Even a cold, cold day doesn't stop your Shawnee County Fair 4-H King and Queen! Queen Elizabeth Poling and King Daniel Biggs represented 4-H in the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 18. A big and special Thank You goes out to the Arab Shriners who provided a great escort and ride!



King & Queen Applications

Applications for King & Queen will be available Monday, April 17th and due Friday, May 5th! Find all the details on the website under Current Events on the right hand side of the page!



2022-2023 Candidates

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County Notes

Supporting 4-H

There is one ongoing and one upcoming national campaign to support 4-H at JoAnn and Tractor Supply Company!

JoAnn: Donations can be made in stores from now until May 1st!



TSC: The spring Paper Clover campaign is April 26th through May 7th! We will have more information soon! Watch our Facebook page!

Camp Scholarships

Scholarships for Camp at Rock Springs are available! All enrolled Shawnee County 4-Hers who sign up for 4-H Camp are eligible for a \$100 scholarship provided by Johnsonville Sausage and Capitol Federal Bank. Find the application here: <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/2023%20Camp%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf>

Record Book Tip of the Month!

The tip for this month is **STAY ORGANIZED!**

- DOCUMENT all of your goals, events you attend, projects you display, community service projects you do, and all the other information you need to include in your Record Book.
- TRACK how much you spend on supplies for your projects, feed for your animals, or classes you might take. Also record any income you might make, like selling an animal at the County Fair or selling cookies as a fundraiser.
- CREATE A SYSTEM FOR YOU! You can keep track of all of the information any way you want! Experiment to find whatever works best for you! No two systems have to be the same!



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**SCHOOL
ENRICHMENT
WANTS
YOUR
EGG CARTONS**



School Enrichment is needing to restock the supply of egg cartons.

These cartons are used to transport the hatching eggs from the Nelson Hatchery to the schools for the Chicken Embryology Program.

Please bring your empty/used 12 count egg cartons to the office and let someone know they are for school enrichment. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

National Volunteer Week!

National Volunteer Week is **April 16-22, 2023!** Thank you volunteers for all you do!

Stop by the office that week for a special treat from your 4-H staff!

Volunteer



You make a difference!

Thank you from

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State Events

HOSTA Tractor Safety Training

HOSTA Tractor Safety Training will be held **June 6 & 7** in Wamego. More details will be available soon!

Discovery Days: June 7-9, 2023

Discovery Days is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year! Youth ages 13-18 are invited to come be a part of the fun and educational opportunity. Develop college or career readiness skills that prepare youth for life after High School. Youth participants will be given opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem solving, decision-making, and time-management skills. It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make new friends from all over the state.

More information can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>

State Geology Trip

The State Geology Trip will be held **June 9-11** in the Manhattan area! Possible workshops being offered include: Exhibit Box Preparation, Fluorescent Minerals, Fossil ID, Geology 101, Lapidary Cabochons, Lapidary Wire-wrapping Basics, Minerals Team, and Rocks. Junior and Senior Quiz Bowl and a judging contest will also be held.

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held **June 16-17, 2023** in Manhattan/Wamego, Kansas. The event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. *One parent/adult guardian from each family must register and attend with children.*

Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available later this spring. Stay tuned for more details!

Check out <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/insect-spectacular/index.html> for more information!



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2023 Scholarships

Local Scholarship Applications for 2023 Now Available

Visit https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_and_recognition/scholarships/index.html



The graphic features a green and purple background with a white circle in the center. The text 'Requirements' is at the top left, followed by a bulleted list. A speech bubble points to the application deadline. The main title 'Langley Foster 4-H Scholarship Applications' is in the center, with 'NOW AVAILABLE' below it. Logos for K-State and Shawnee County are in the top right corner.

Requirements

- Member of Shawnee County 4-H for 3 years or more
- Full-time college student (sophomore-senior) enrolled in 12+ hours with a 3.0 GPA (unweighted)
- Current year state 4-H scholarship winners are excluded

Applications Due Friday, April 28, 2023!

Langley Foster 4-H Scholarship Applications

NOW AVAILABLE

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Scholarship

If you have been a part of the Grand Drive and you're a graduating senior, consider applying for the Grand Drive scholarship. The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Scholarship Program provides educational opportunities and recognition to youth livestock exhibitors who have demonstrated excellence, commitment, and integrity as ambassadors of the Kansas State Fair Junior Livestock Program. Up to ten \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually and recipients are recognized at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Gala.

Graduating seniors and secondary education students who have been a part of our Grand Drive youth livestock show are encouraged to apply! **Applications are due, April 15, 2023.**

Apply online:

https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/competitions/2020-special-edition-4-h--ffa-grand-drive/grand-drive-scholarships1?fbclid=IwAR27wTWmb7uklyNTmig4SNZfiArHA_bjW2KWMIF7-wFqGWCYOWHTjnwijMo



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Club Chatter

Silver Lake

Over the past month, the Silver Lake 4H Club has had some members participate in 4H days where they presented projects. Several members also attended the junior swine and junior goat producer activities at Kansas State. 4Hers are gearing up for the fair getting their animals and completing their YQCA training.

Respectfully submitted by Jaylee Hamilton,
Silver Lake 4H Club reporter



Shawnee Riders

The 4H King came by and talked about opportunities for older kids.



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Riverside

The Riverside 4-H club wrote and performed a skit at Club Days and Regional Club Days called "The Riverside News Update". The kids included items they took to the fair, showed off awards and events outside of 4-H (school and sports related activities) and had a great time performing the skit at both events.

The Riverside Officers wrote the script and created the props needed for the skit. The following 4-Hers were part of the performance: Jacob Lehmann, Gabriel Davis, Riley Showalter, Caden and Grayson Kuckelman, Dawson and Savannah Miller, Hunter Inman, Willa Tucker and Raegan and Kyndal Lynch.



Reporter- Grayson Kuckelman





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Indian Creek

Indian Creek has been busy serving and connecting with the North Topeka Community. In December, Indian Creek partnered with Shawnee County Farm Bureau - (Circle of Kindness Campaign) and had a food drive collecting needed food items for the Topeka Rescue Mission. Members also rang the Salvation Army Bell at the North Topeka Wal-Mart.

Indian Creek held its annual St. Valentine's Day baked goods auction in February. We raised \$391 and our club voted to donate this year's proceeds to the Sunrise Optimist Club. The Sunrise Optimist Club building is where Indian Creek holds its monthly meetings.

In March, along with presenting a check to the Optimists, Indian Creek 4-Hers also did a project fair and several project talks.

Indian Creek 4-Hers have been sharing about the 4-H program at Seaman Elementary School spring events. In March, at the West Indianola Art Fair we hosted a craft table and made 4-leaf clover ornaments with event participants and handed out information about 4-H / Shawnee County 4-H Clubs. 4-Hers also volunteered at the Northern Hills Carnival working the Sucker Tree.



Respectfully Submitted,
Indian Creek 4-H Club



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

April 2023

1 Shawnee County Invitational 4-H Dog Show, Ag Hall, 9 am

3 Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

6 Shooting Sports 2, EMR, 6:30 pm

4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm

12 YQCA Training, EMR, 5:30 pm

Horse Clinic, Domer Arena

13 Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

16-22 National Volunteer Week

16 "Starry Night" Photography Workshop, Rock Springs, 3 pm

18 Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm

19 Livestock Committee, Conference Room, 7:30 pm

22 Spring Into Volunteering, Salina, 9 am

24 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

26 Chatterbox Submissions Due

27 Sportfishing, EMR, 6 pm

Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm

30 Small Animal Weigh-In, 1 pm

May 2023

1 LAST DAY TO ENROLL

Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

4 Shooting Sports 2, EMR, 6:30 pm

4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7pm

6 Spring Livestock Show, 7 am

9 Archery, Arena, 6 pm

10 4-H Horse Clinic

16 Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm

17 Livestock Committee, Conference Room, 7:30 pm

16 Sportfishing Lake Night, Lake Shawnee, 6 pm

22 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

23 Archery, Arena, 6 pm

25 Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm

26 Chatterbox Submissions Due

29 Office Closed

30 YQCA, EMR, 5:30 pm

Sportfishing Lake Night, Lake Shawnee, 6 pm

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All dates and activities are subject to change.