

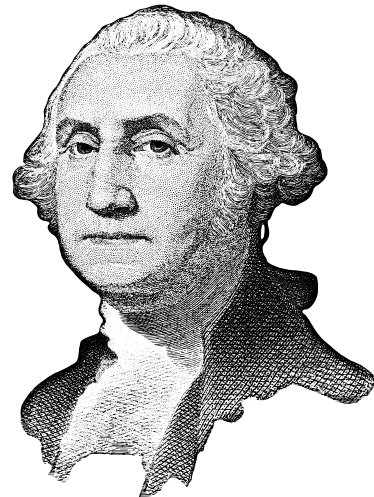
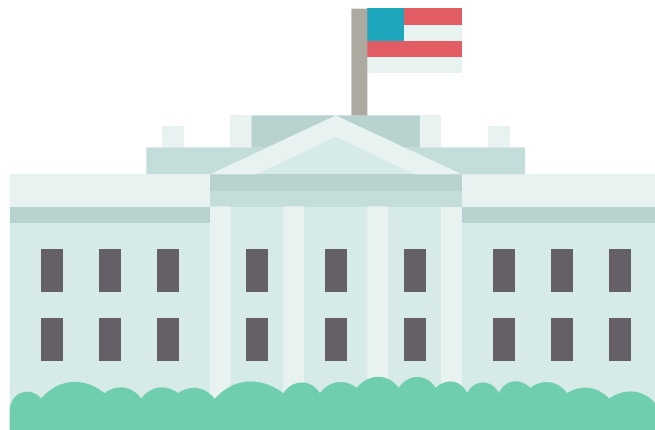
FEBRUARY

Highlights:

- ♥ February 9: Events Council Meeting
- ♥ February 26: Club Days
- ♥ State Scholarship Applications NOW AVAILABLE!

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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- February 9: Council Meeting
- February 12: Beef Weigh-In
- February 19-20: Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- February 24-25: Ambassador & Communication Training, Rock Springs
- February 26: Club Days, WRMS

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

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A Word From Your Agent...

Hi everyone! I hope you are getting off to a great start on your projects and activities this year. We have several announcements and dates in this issue, so read closely!

This year we will have \$100 scholarships for each enrolled Shawnee County 4-Her who attends 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch. We have a short application that needs filled out to receive the coupon code to use when you register. These scholarships are generously funded by donations from Johnsonville Sausage and Capitol Federal Bank!

We are still looking for some superintendents for the county fair. See the list on page 7 for details. This is very important as we can't have these projects without superintendents.

High school Seniors, it is time for scholarship applications to be submitted! Check out page 9 for details on state 4-H and locally offered scholarships

Grace

Welcome ♡
february

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Livestock Corner

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

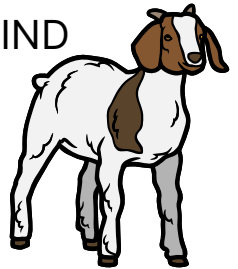
Registration Deadline – February 22

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>



Important Dates

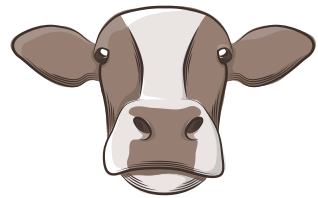
February 12: Cattle Weigh-In 2-3pm

March TBD: YQCA

April TBD: YQCA

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

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

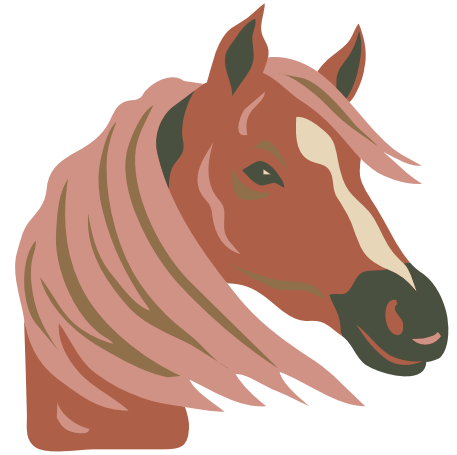


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Volunteer Opportunities

Enjoy working with horses and people? Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Hope Ranch Therapeutic Riding Centers is looking for volunteers! There are many options from working with their horses to direct interactions with their riders.

Visit <https://hoperanchks.org/hrm/index.php/volunteer-employment> for more information!



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CONTEST

Attention Shawnee County 4-H Clubs!! The Shawnee County Fair Board needs your help picking a fair theme for the 2023 Shawnee County Fair! They would like to give each club the opportunity to submit up to two ideas for this year's fair theme.

Themes submitted will be voted on by the board members, the winning club will be featured in the 2023 Shawnee County Fair book. **Themes must be submitted by February 27th, 2023.** The winning club will receive a \$75 award. Please submit your theme to Candis Meerpohl by emailing them to candism@ksu.edu. The winning theme will be announced March 1st, and the cover competition will begin.

Watch your March Chatterbox for the due date for the fair book cover competition.



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County Events

New Shooting Sports Discipline Available

We are adding Air Pistol to our list of available Shooting Sports Disciplines in 2023! All 4-Hers age 9 and older who are interested are welcome to add this project. If you have already enrolled in 4-H for the year and would like to add, please contact the office and we can get you set up. Practice dates are: February 16, March 7, and March 28.



Foods Project Meeting

Saturday, February 11th is our next Foods Project Meeting. We will be baking and then learning some basic decorating techniques for Valentine Rolled Sugar Cookies. We will meet at 9:30 at Maranatha Baptist Church on 49th and Burlingame. We will be done about 11am. If your 4Her is interested in practicing baking skills, or moving into some decorating techniques, this will be a great place to start. Email me: Laura.krainbill@ks.gov to reserve a spot. Class size is limited. A supply and ingredient list will be sent the week before the class as well as directions to the kitchen. Registration closes February 9 at 5pm.

Camp Scholarships

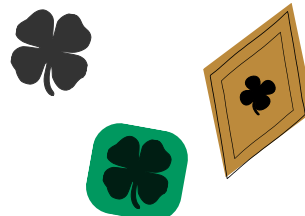
Scholarships for Camp at Rock Springs are available! <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/2023%20Camp%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf>

Record Book Tip of the Month!

So you've set your goals for your record book. What about looking at which achievement pin you're working towards next?

Find the list of achievement pins here: https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_and_recognition/achievement_pins/index.html

Have questions? Contact us at the office!



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Club Days 2023
Sunday, February 26
Program starts at 2 PM
Washburn Rural Middle School

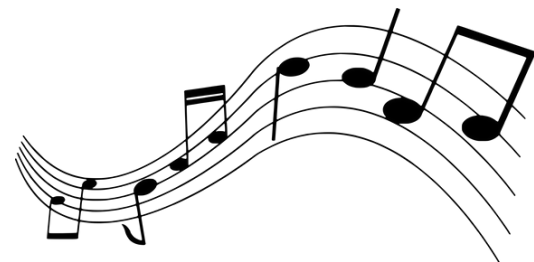
Share your talents and interests with your fellow 4-Hers! Sing a song, do a skit, gather your club for Gavel Games, play an instrument, or give an illustrated talk about a hobby or 4-H project! Expand your knowledge with impromptu or historical speeches!



Have questions? Ask us at the Office!

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/4pn6z27e>

View the rulebook here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8tn6yy>



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WANTED

The following projects are needing Superintendents for the 2023 Shawnee County Fair. We can't do these projects without superintendents. If you are interested, please let us know!

Dog

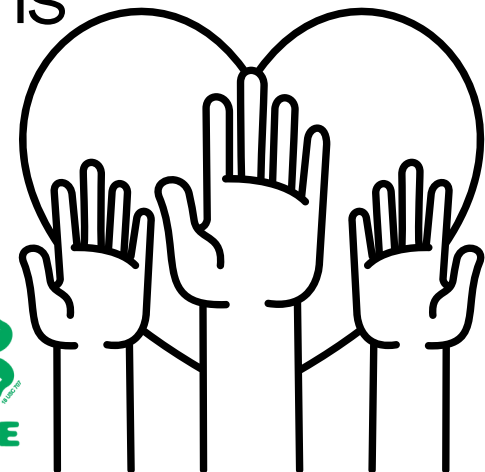
Electric

Fashion Revue

Public Presentations

Table Setting

Woodworking



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Save the Date!



Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available in the spring. Stay tuned!

Discovery Days: June 7-9, 2023

Who Should Register: Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2023. 4-H membership prior to Discovery Days is not required. All adults who will be participating in Discovery Days must also register and go through the Volunteer Registration process. **Chaperones:** All adults have responsibilities throughout the conference. A designated adult chaperone is required for every 12 delegates. Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age and must be Volunteer Registered at their Local Extension Office. More information including registration and costs will be coming soon. Hope to see you there!



Shawnee County 4-H Chatterbox

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2023 Scholarships

State Scholarship Applications for 2023 Now Available

Kansas 4-H and Vanier Scholarship applications are NOW AVAILBLE.

Details for each application can be found at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

The only significant change for the applications this year is that youth are asked to submit some files to our Kansas4H@ksu.edu email address rather than uploading them into the Qualtrics application.

All necessary information for applications can be found listed under each description. Please contact Sarah Keatley at 620-366-0035 or keatley@ksu.edu with any questions. **Applications and supporting documents are due in by no later than March 1, 2023.**

Local Scholarship Applications for 2023 Now Available

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

Requirements

- Resident of Shawnee County & member of Shawnee County 4-H for 3 years or more
 - 2.5 GPA (unweighted)
 - Graduating High School Senior
 - Enrolled for 12+ semester hours
- OR**
- Enrolled full-time in a technical institution



Applications Due
 Friday, March 31,
 2023!

**Shawnee County
 Extension Foundation
 Scholarship Applications**

NOW AVAILABLE

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

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Club Chatter

Auburn

During the January meeting for the Auburn 4-H club, we discussed the January Jamboree and how good of a turn out it was. Our theme for that meeting was wearing warm PJs. For the 7th inning stretch we sang and danced along to the song called "Sally Walker", and we played "Ninja" for recreation. We watched a Gavel Games routine from five years ago to try to get some new members to participate in the Skit and Gavel Games performances.

-Kelsey Louderback

Silver Lake

This January, the Silver Lake 4H Club has been getting crafty at the January Jamboree. Did you want to build a snowman? Then you should have stopped by our booth to make a snowman stress ball.

Submitted by Jaylee Hamilton
Silver Lake 4H Club reporter

Shawnee Riders

At our 4-H meeting we talked about the fair and the fair rewards. We will make St. Patrick's Day cards at the next meeting for the nursing home.

-Tristan Bradley

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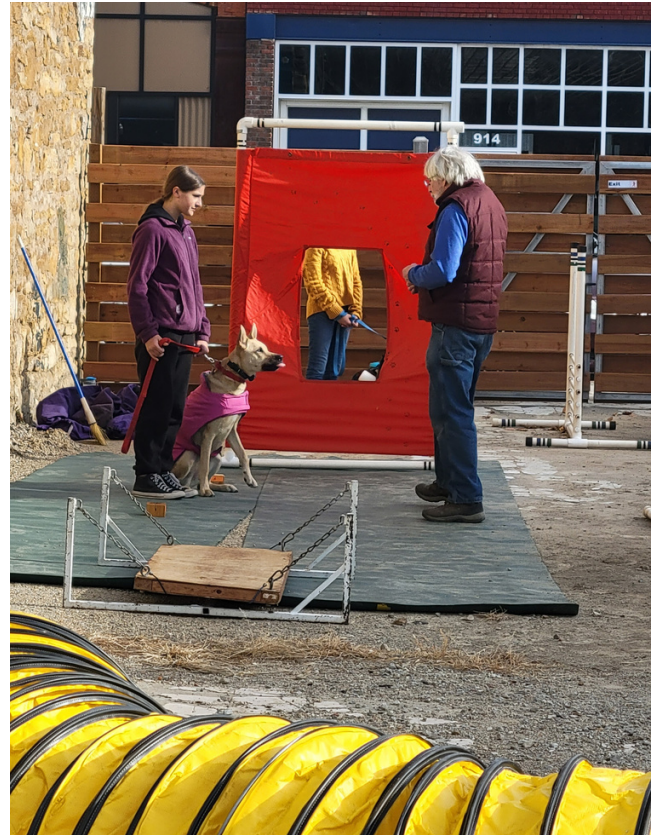
Paw Prints

The Paw Prints club gathered for a "Fun Night" on December 29th and 9 people attended. We ate loaded baked potatoes, fruit tarts, and enjoyed hot chocolate, apple cider, and water. We had board games and talked about different breeds of dogs.

Dog practices have been going well so far in North Topeka. They have been a mix of Showmanship, Obedience, Rally-Obedience, and Agility (lots of running through things and jumping over them).

We have a Facebook group called "Paw Prints KS SN", search for it on Facebook and request to join the group for the latest training updates or email pawprintsdogclubsn@gmail.com to get added to the email list. The next Paw Prints meeting will be February 27 at 7 pm in the EMR.

-Kinley Ladd



Rossville Rustlers

In January, The Rossville Rustlers 4-H Club enjoyed ice skating and dinner in Manhattan.

4-Hers and parents had an opportunity to ice skate at the ice rink in Manhattan City Park.

It was an adventure and learning experience for all! The club finished the night with a meeting and dinner at Pizza Ranch.

-Cameron Thompson

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Dover

The Dover 4-H Club went to the Zoo Lights as part of their December monthly meeting. The members and their families walked around the Zoo looking at lights together. Although it may have been a bit chilly to be outside, everyone sure had a great time. After finishing up at the Zoo Lights the crew headed to Glory Days for supper and a fun gift exchange. We held the meeting there and enjoyed a great meal along with another fun activity for the members. Our club chose to shop and donate two holiday baskets to the CAT Community Strengths organization which is connected to the Leadership School at KSU. Their focus was to support the community of Ogden. One of our former 4 H members is part of this organization.



Bunny Bunch

In January, our Bunny Bunch 4-H Club hosted a youth rabbit show which included clinics that taught Breed ID, Showmanship, and Judging. We had many new faces from all over the State attend the show for the clinics! The response was an overall success, and we hope to do more in the future! As for our club members that were able to attend the show, we did very well. Kayla received Best of Breed, and 2nd Reserve with her Tan. Jake and Christian received Best of Breed and Best In Show with their Mini Rex.



-Kierstyn Tillotson

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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

February 2023

1 Volunteer of the Year & Lifetime
Volunteer of the Year Nominations Due
2 Shooting Sports 2, EMR, 6:30 pm
4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building,
7 pm
6 Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting,
EMR, 7 pm
9 Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
12 Beef Weigh-In 2-3pm
16 Sportfishing, EMR, 6 pm
Air Pistol, EMR, 7:30 pm
19-20 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
21 Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm
23 Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm
24-25 Ambassador and Communication
Training
26 Chatterbox Submissions Due
26 CLUB DAYS, WRMS, 2 pm
27 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7
pm

March 2023

2 Shooting Sports Air Rifle 2, EMR,
6:30 pm
4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building,
7pm
6 Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting,
EMR, 7 pm
7 Air Pistol, EMR, 6 pm
9 Jr Leaders Meeting, 6 pm
11 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day,
Manhattan
16 Sportfishing, EMR, 6 pm
Archery Info Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
18 K-State Junior Goat Meat Producer
Day, Manhattan
21 Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm
23 Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm
25 Regional Club Days, Gardner
26 Chatterbox Submissions Due
27 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR,
7 pm

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All dates and activities are subject to change.