

MARCH

Highlights:



March 18: YQCA Training



March 25: Regional Club Days



March 30: Volunteer Training Session



April 1: Shawnee County Invitational Dog Show

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Dates to Remember:

- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 18: St. Patrick's Day Parade
- March 25: Regional Club Day, Gardner
- March 30: Volunteer Training
- April 1: Shawnee County Invitational Dog Show

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

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A Word From Your Agent...

Congratulations to everyone who participated at 4-H Club Day this past weekend! We had a great afternoon and 22 4-Hers/ teams qualified to represent us at Regional Club Day on March 25th, at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. We do need to provide room monitors for that event, so if you would like to check off a requirement on your Achievement Pin application, let us know!

March is also a good time to go check your 4-H projects before our May 1st deadline for enrollment. **You can join 4-H at any time during the year but if you want to take a project to the fair you must be enrolled in that project by May 1st.** Please remember that going to project meetings does not put you in that project. You have to add them on your 4-H online profile. We are happy to help you add projects or complete your enrollment if you need it!

Because of the program fee I encourage families to enroll now. If you are paying by check you are not fully enrolled until that check has been processed at the State 4-H office. That means if you enroll a week before May 1st but pay by check you still may not be enrolled by the deadline. Do yourself a favor, take care or this today!

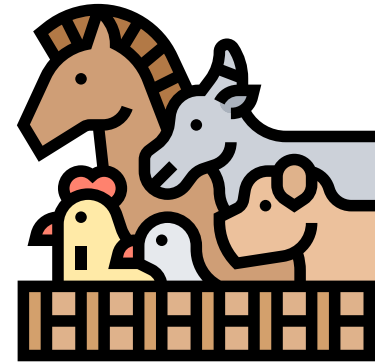
Lastly, if you are a volunteer who has not yet or needs to renew your volunteer screening, don't forget to sign up for our volunteer training on March 30th! RSVPs are due to the office by March 27th.



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Livestock Corner



Important Dates

March 18th @ 2:30pm: YQCA Instructor-Led Training

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. The YQCA program transitioned to a new platform in March of 2022, so it is no longer affiliated with 4HOnline. Families who completed their training prior to the transition last spring will need to navigate to the new website and create a new user account.

All those wishing to attend a future YQCA Instructor-Led Training, note that you should register at yqcaprogram.org 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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County Events

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

The Saint Patrick's Day Parade is coming up on March 18th. Please join the Deer Trail 4-H club in walking to promote 4-H! We will meet to decorate our truck at the northwest corner of 3rd and Kansas (by Hertz Car Rental) at 11:00. Those who just want to walk should meet at the same point at 11:30. The parade starts at noon. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us. Come out to help promote 4-H! If you have any questions prior to the parade, please email Jan Funk at louisjanfunk@att.net. For any questions on the day of the event please call Jan Funk at 785-633-7639.



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!

Ever wonder what the difference is between an Achievement Pin and a Project Pin Award? Reach out to the office if you have any questions!

Achievement Pin

VS.

Project Pin Award

- Determined by length of membership
- 1 pin per year
- Must complete listed requirements and submit Record Book
- Adds more mandatory requirements each year

- Determined by Competitive Project Report
- 1 pin awarded per age group per project
- Not required to be awarded
- Senior Record Books (14+) may be submitted to Regional Evaluations



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Club Days 2023

Results can be found at: <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/2023docs/Club%20Day%20Results%202023.pdf>

Social Media Opportunity

What does Spring mean for 4-Hers?

Are you planting your garden? Working with your animals? Are you ready to get outside and look for fossils or insects? Does your club have a tradition that marks Spring like being in a parade or hosting a community Easter egg hunt?

We'd love to feature what Spring means for our 4-Hers on the Shawnee County K-State Research and Extension Facebook page! These will be posted each Wednesday!

Please email a brief message about what Spring means for you as a 4-Her to Lisa at lsatter@ksu.edu. Feel free to include a photo! We'll have two submission periods so please send them in by March 6th or March 20th! Thank you!

Photo release form: <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/documents/Photo-Release-Form.pdf>





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Fair Book Cover Contest

The Shawnee County Fairboard is happy to announce the youth 2023 Fairbook Cover Contest! The 2023 Shawnee County Fair theme is: *Welcome to Fairadise at the Shawnee County Fair*. Below are the rules for entries for the Cover Contest.

Here are the rules:

Must be on 8 1/2 x 11 paper (Must be done in Portrait Orientation NOT Landscape orientation)

Design must be in black and white, do not use color

Art can be hand drawn or computer generated, but must be original

Must include the dates of the County Fair; July 15-16 – County Fair Horse Show, July 20-23 – County Fair

Must mention Open Class

Must include the theme of the fair (Welcome to Fairadise at the Shawnee County Fair).

Put your name, phone number and Club on the BACK SIDE of the entry.

Entries are due to the Extension Office by **March 27th at 5PM.**

There will be a \$50 cash prize for the cover chosen to be on the front of the Fair Book! The runner up will have their artwork printed inside the fair book and will win a \$25 cash prize.

Can't wait to see what our youth come up with!



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State Events

Spring Into Volunteering

The Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" on Saturday, April 22 in Salina, Kansas on the K-State Campus. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. Fee includes materials, snacks and lunch. Sessions for the day include: Understanding the 4-H Thrive Model, Technology Tools for Volunteers, Engaging All, Strengthening 4-H Clubs, Clover Buds, 48 Hours of 4-H and more!

Find all the registration information and official flier at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-continuing-education/index.html>

Shawnee County Invitational Dog Show

The Paw Prints Shawnee County Dog Club is hosting their invitational dog show on April 1st at Ag Hall in Topeka. This show is open to all 4-Hers enrolled in the dog project and will be offering open classes as well.

Find the flyer and registration form at: <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/up-coming-events/flyers/index.html>

Registration is due to the Shawnee County Extension Office by March 22nd

“Starry Night - Glimpse Beyond the Camera Lens” Photography Workshop

The Picture Perfect Youth Leaders of Shawnee County have designed this year's workshop around a theme of Starry Night - Glimpse Beyond the Camera Lens. The workshop offers NEW exciting youth and professionally led sessions. We kick-off with a keynote photographer, Aurora Dora Redman. She captures the Great Northern Lights. Following the keynote, there are a variety of course options that take us into sundown to practice and capture night techniques. Lots of Hands-On Experience! All sessions will be at Rock Springs Ranch south of Junction City. Your registration includes admission to the sessions, pizza and a post event photo contest. **Event is SUNDAY, April 16th from 3 pm - 7:15 pm. Capacity is limited!**

Check out our workshop website: <https://sites.google.com/view/4-h-photo-workshop-23/home>

Find the flyer and registration information at: <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/up-coming-events/flyers/index.html>

Registration Fees:

\$15 for first participating youth or adult
\$12 for 2nd through 5th participant in your group
\$10 for Pizza-only registrants

Register and pay by March 30th. Payment must be received within 5 days of registering to hold your spot.

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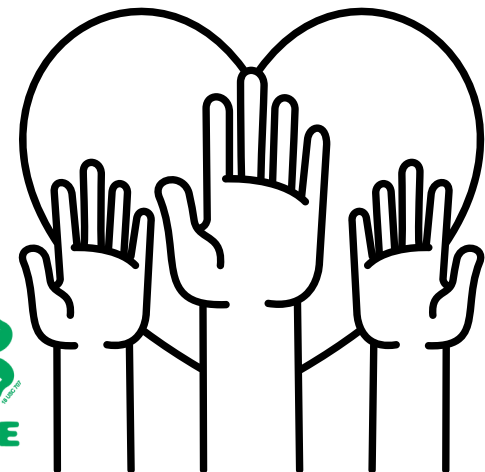
WANTED

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 - Need one to train

Electric - Need one to have project

Fashion Revue - Need one to have project



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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!

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!



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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

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

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

Foods Project

On February 11th we made Valentine sugar cookies. The group learned how to properly measure, roll out, and cut out to make great sugar cookies. Later we had fun decorating with icing and sprinkles.

As you can tell by my blue mouth in the picture, I had fun eating the most. I love science and baking is definitely can be a science experiment that you can do at any age.

Mason Geiger
Rossville Rustlers 4-H club



Silver Lake

This month the Silver Lake 4H club decorated valentines for the senior center.

Respectfully submitted by Jaylee Hamilton, reporter



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Shawnee Riders

We made St. Patty's Day cards for the nursing home.

-Tristan Bradley



Auburn

For our February meeting for the Auburn 4-H club, the theme was wear red or pink clothing. Our pre-meeting was led by Kaitlin Jackson. We made fun Valentine's Day frames using wooden popsicle sticks, paint, stickers, and more. For our committee breakouts, we only had one: Fair themes. Some of the ideas that were suggested from 4-Hers were Disney Princesses, Marvel, Star Wars, Jaws, Christmas in July, Hollywood, and other themes. Harley led the 7th inning stretch. We sang a fun Valentine's Day song. We played "Wax Museum " for Recreation, which was led by Bryson Philipi. Our after-meeting drinks and snacks were provided by the Louderback Family.

-Kelsey Louderback

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Bunny Bunch

This month our 4-H Bunny Bunch club continued to plan for the Shawnee County Fair. This was a busy month as there was a rabbit show every weekend this month and all of us participated in one or more shows.

-Kierstyn Tillotson

Poultry Project

Hello there 4-Hers and parents,

This month's meeting March 19th, we will be talking about what breeds you would like to raise and show at this year's fair. Brooklynn Powell and Andy's grandkids will be helping to find everyone's favorite breeds for April and May's meeting. So, if you have an idea of what you're looking for but having trouble finding them let the kids and parents know, as we will be having a poultry clinic and the hatch dates soon. We hope you have a great spring break and see you at the Poultry meet!

Andrew Johnson will be holding educational talks will be held in conjunction with the 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 - It is come and go

North Topeka TSC 3rd Sunday of the month. starts 8am-11am
710 Hwy 24 East, Topeka, KS 66608

March 19

April 16

May 21

Thank you,
Shantell Wallis- Brooklynn Powell

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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

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
- 11 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day,
Manhattan
- 15 Livestock Committee, Conference Room, 7:30
pm
- 16 Sportfishing, EMR, 6 pm
 Archery Info Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 18 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Topeka, 12 pm
 YQCA Training, EMR, 2:30 pm
 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
- 30 Volunteer Training, EMR, 7 pm

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
- 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
- 29 Small Animal Weigh-In, 1 pm

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All dates and activities are subject to change.