NOVEMBER

Highlights:

- November 4: Achievement Night
- November 9: Office Closed, staff working remotely
- November 10: Office Closed
- November 23 & 24: Office Closed

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A Word From Your Agent...

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 2023-2024 year.

We are excited to see you at Achievement Night on the 4th at Berryton United Methodist Church! Doors open at 6 and the program starts at 6:30. There will be door prizes and snacks!

If you are interested in camp at Rock Springs this year, we will have $100 scholarships again! Registration opens November 15th. This year, you will be able to use a coupon code at the time of registration. Our code is SNCO24. This is limited to enrolled Shawnee County 4-Hers, so if you sign up for camp before enrolling you will have a week to enroll or you will be sent a bill for the scholarship amount.

Be sure to read this month's Chatterbox closely, as we have several important updates for the upcoming year! You may also want to check out our new 2024 program calendar for important dates through October: https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/. You can find it under the Current Events tab!

Have a great November and Thanksgiving season!
-Grace

Hi everyone! Lisa here! I just wanted to let everyone know that Grace is officially on maternity leave, so I will be the main contact in the 4-H office for a while. I am in the office Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 12-5. If you have any urgent needs, please call the office or reach out to Candis!
-Lisa, 4-H OP
To Make the Best Better!

Livestock Corner

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day
Date – Saturday, March 2, 2024
Cost - $20/person by February 12 ($25/person after February 12)
*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 12 to receive a t-shirt.
**Both youth and adults attending need to register.
***No refunds.
Online Registration - https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND

K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day
Date – Saturday, March 16, 2024
Registration Deadline – February 26
Cost - $20/person by February 26 ($25/person after February 26)
*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 26 to receive a t-shirt.
**Both youth and adults attending need to register.
***No refunds.
Online Registration - https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND

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.
Shawnee County 4-H Chatterbox

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County Notes

Achievement Night is THIS SATURDAY!
Join us as we go Surfin' to Success with 4-H! This is our annual end of the year celebration where we recognize all our 4-Hers accomplishments from the past year.

Saturday, November 4th
Berryton United Methodist Church
Doors open at 6pm
Program begins at 6:30pm

Community Page

Shawnee County Fair Board Youth Committee

The Shawnee County Fair Board is looking for 4-Hers interested in being on their Youth Committee. If you are interested, you can contact Ashleigh Mengarelli at ashleigh.am@gmail.com.

Shawnee County Fair Board 2024 Fair Theme Suggestions

The Shawnee County Fair Board is taking suggestions for the 2024 Shawnee County Fair Theme! The 4-H Club with the winning theme idea will win $75. Entry deadline is November 21st at 5pm. Please email Fair theme ideas to Candis Meerpohl: candism@ksu.edu & Shawnee County Fair Board: shawneecofairboard@gmail.com
Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Teams

The Kansas State 4-H Team has reviewed the Kansas 4-H Action Team guidelines and have rebranded this volunteer opportunity to be Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Teams. These teams will be able to provide opportunities for more 4-H project areas.

The Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Teams are:

- Animal Science
- Communication & Expressive Arts
- Consumer & Family Science
- Discovery Days**
- Engineering & Technology
- Leadership & Personal Development
- Natural Resources
- Plant & Environmental Sciences*

* This will be a 4-H Project Partnership Team that will be coming in the future.
** Discovery Days also needs a team to help deliver this educational experience, and it will follow the same application process as the Project Partnership Teams and be considered as such.

With this restructuring, everyone interested in serving will need to apply for a 4-H Project Partnership Team. We will be looking for a variety of expertise around the projects that fall under each 4-H Project Partnership Team.

Find more information and the application at https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/projectpartnershipteam.html
The Riverside Club was busy in the month of October with National 4-H week, 48 Hours of 4-H and preparing for Achievement night as part of the decorating committee.

Riverside held a parent information night at Berryton Elementary School and set up a display promoting 4-H. The club went to Oak Creek Senior Living for 48 Hours of 4-H. Members shared projects and took goats and a rabbit for the residents to enjoy as well. The club also helped clean up trash around the parking lot and area around the building.

-Grayson Kuckelman, Reporter

The theme for our October 4H meeting was to dress in your Halloween Costume. During our opening activity Senior members worked with Junior members to come up with goals and how to achieve them. We discussed our plan for Ringing the Bells for the Salvation Army and our November Potluck meeting. We sang a song called Herman the Worm. We had several members give project talks from making flowers out of pipe cleaners, sewing and photography. At the end of the meeting, we were able to vote for our favorite Junior and Senior Halloween Costume. We all had fun dressing up.
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**Indian Creek**
For our 48 hours of 4-H we cleaned up the flower bed outside of the Sunrise Optimist Club building. For the October meeting we had a Halloween party, a potluck, played kickball with the parents, and had a costume contest.

**Rossville Rustlers**
During the fall season, the Rossville Rustlers have been busy. In September, the club held their Election of Officers.

The new officers are as follows:
President-Keera Lacock  
Reporter- Cameron Thompson  
Vice President-Kelton Lacock  
Historian- Sarah Wood  
Secretary-Madelyn Wonnell  
Song Leader- Addison Thompson  
Treasurer-Valencia Crawford  
Recreation Leaders- Mason Geiger, Natalie Geiger, Valencia Crawford, Addison Thompson

In October, the new officer team met to discuss and plan for the 4-H year. The club also enjoyed a fun afternoon at the Little Munchkins Pumpkin Patch. The 4-Hers roasted marshmallows, made smores, participated in fall activities, and finished the afternoon with a meeting.

-Cameron Thompson, Club Reporter
Silver Lake
The Silver Lake 4-H Club meeting was held on October 8th, 2023. Our club was really busy this month. We participated in the Homecoming Parade where we placed 1st for the community class, 48 hours of 4-H by going to the Flint Hills Retirement Home in Silver Lake to show the residents what projects the kids do. We also participated in Officer Leadership Training, and we displayed projects at the Silver Lake Elementary School to promote 4-H.
-Submitted by Tyler Thomas

Bunny Bunch
Hello from the Bunny Bunch 4-H group. In our October meeting we elected new officers, and they will be instated at our next meeting November 6, 2023. We meet at 7pm the first Monday of the month, in the upstairs room of the extension office.

Several of our youth members traveled to Louisville Kentucky for the 100th American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) National Convention and did very well. There were 2,433 exhibitors and 16,994 open rabbits exhibited and 5,620 youth rabbits exhibited.
Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

**November 2023**
2 Shooting Sports, EMR, 6:30 pm
   4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
4 Achievement Night, Berryton United Methodist Church, 6:30 pm
6 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR 7 pm
10 Office Closed
15 Livestock Committee, Conference Room, 7:30 pm
18-19 KYLF, Rock Springs
23-24 Office Closed
26 Chatterbox Submissions Due
27 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

**December 2023**
4 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
7 Shooting Sports, EMR, 6:30 pm
   4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
14 Office Closed
   4-H Events Council, EMR, 7 pm
19 Chatterbox Submissions Due
20 Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:30 pm
25-26 Office Closed
28 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm, tentative