



OCTOBER




Highlights:

 October 1-8: National 4-H Week

 October 4: 4-H Spirit Day! **Wear your green!**

 October 22: Officer Leader Training

 November 4: Achievement Night

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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- October 1-8: National 4-H Week
- October 4: 4-H Spirit Day
- October 7 & 8: 48 Hours of 4-H
- October 12: Events Council
- October 22: Officer Leader Training
- November 4: Achievement Night

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

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A Word From Your Agent...

Happy 4-H New Year! I hope that your 4-H year has started off well and that you are enrolled. We will send the Chatterbox out to everyone through November and then will switch over to the 2023-2024 mailing list, so be sure to enroll soon so you don't miss anything!

As you enroll, be aware that the names of some of the projects have changed for the new program year, and that some projects are listed in 4-H Online under a different name than what we use for county fair divisions. Clothing Construction & Buymanship, the Plant Science projects, and the STEM projects have had the biggest changes. The updated list can be found on our enrollment information page: <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollment.html>

You will want to mark you calendars for Achievement Night on November 4th and Officer Leader Training on October 22nd. Achievement Night postcards with more details will be going in the mail soon, so keep an eye out! If you plan to attend Officer Leader Training, please complete the linked registration here: <https://forms.gle/Ut1Ptyx7c2Jj5hcd7> by October 16th!

We also have 2024 county fair dates already:
Shawnee County Fair Horse Show July 20-21
Shawnee County Fair July 25-28

Happy October Everyone!





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Livestock Corner

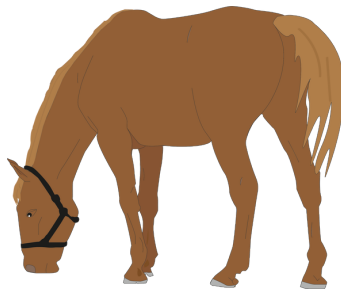
Haley's Joke of the Month

What do you call a hen that can count her own eggs?
A Mathmachicken!



Animal Fun Fact

A 1,200-pound horse eats about seven times its own weight each year.



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.



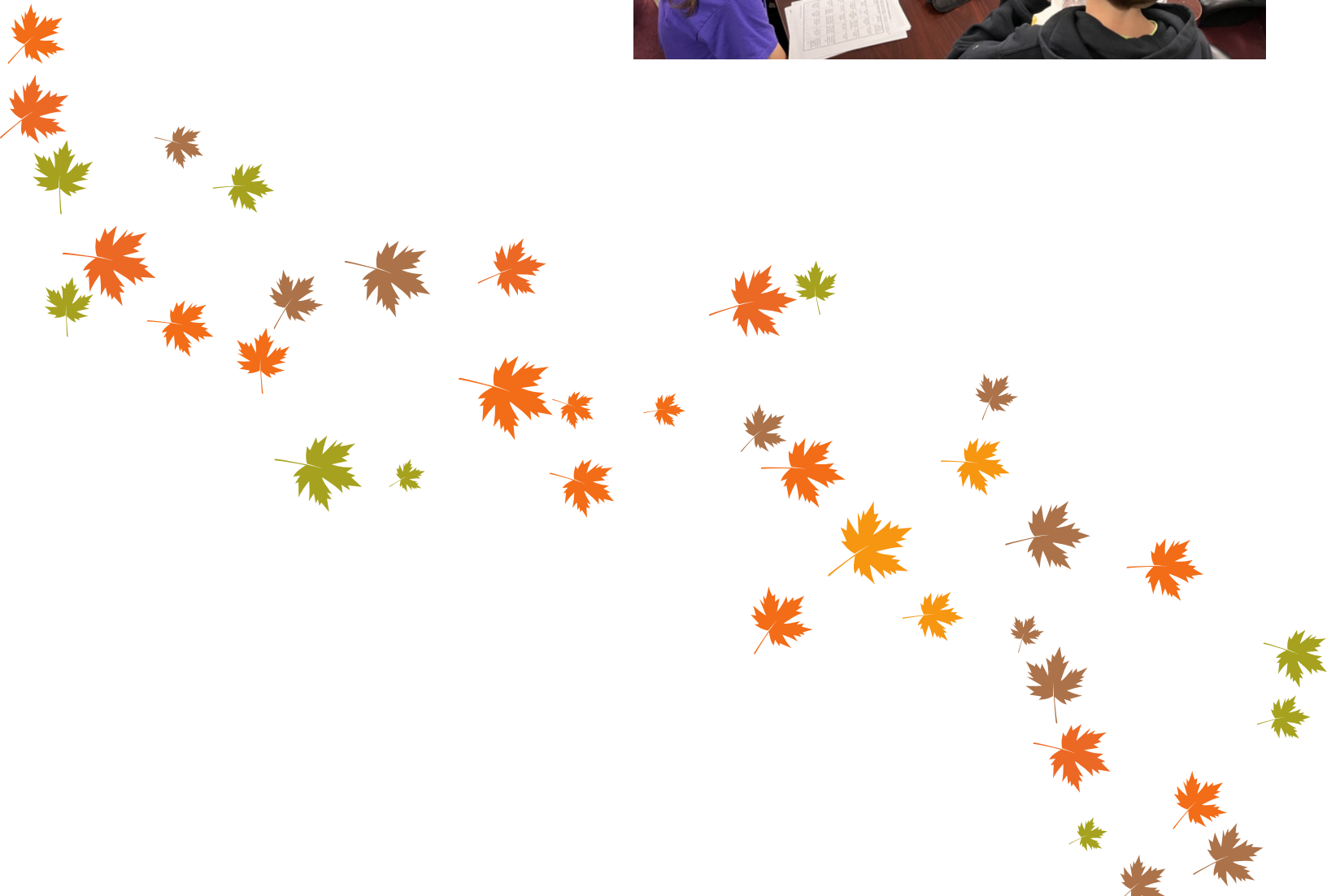


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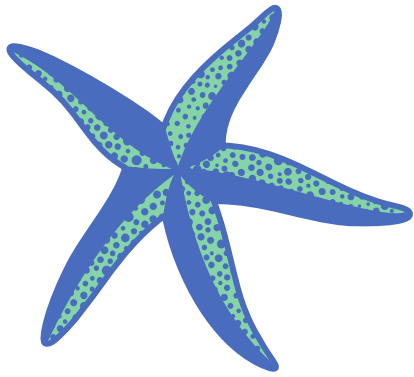
County Notes

Officer Leader Training: October 22

Officer Leader Training will be held Sunday, October 22 from 2-4 pm at the Air National Guard Museum. Sign up by October 16th by following this link: <https://forms.gle/Ut1Ptyx7c2Jj5hcd7>



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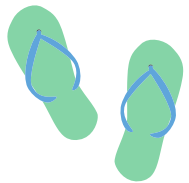
**JOIN
US!**



**Achievement Night
November 4th, 6:30 pm
Berryton United Methodist
Church**



**Surfin' to Success
with 4-H**



Grab your boards and let's hit
the water!



Doors open at 6 pm
Door prizes and snacks!

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Community Page

Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contests

The Topeka Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presents two historical essay contests this fall. This contest is open to all youth in Shawnee County!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Lisa Satterthwaite at lisa.satt.61@gmail.com



Essay Topics:



Grades 5-8: A newspaper reporter writing about John Philip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" in 1897.

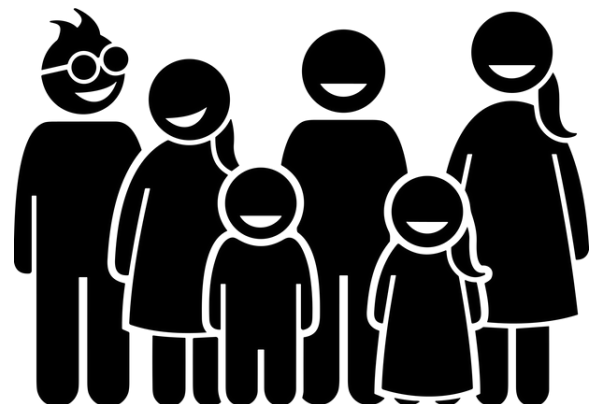
Grades 9-12: Select an historical figure from the era of the American Revolution and discuss how he or she influenced the war, their history, and their contributions to the new nation.

Happy Birthday, Kansas! Student Photo Contest

More details to come on this photo contest celebrating Kansas! Promoted by the Kansas Historical Society.

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.



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State Events

National 4-H Week 2023

National 4-H Week is October 1st through 8th! If your club participates, please let the office know! This is a fantastic time to represent and promote 4-H! Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more information about events! **Wear your green on October 4th for Spirit Day!**



48 Hours of 4-H 2023

We hope every Extension Unit will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too!

When: **October 7-8, 2023**

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

It's time to make plans for your club to participate. More information on the 48 Hours of 4-H Webpage, <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/>



Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl

Dog Conference registration **will open September 15 and close October 1**. The theme of the 4-H event is "Dogz of Oz". The sessions will be about disaster preparedness with your dog, training and starting Rally O in your area, Quiz Bowl, youth presentations, and lots of fun with your dog at Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City.

Find registration and other details at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html>





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Kansas Youth Leadership Forum 2023

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION and Leadership is the theme for the 2023 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum! **Saturday/Sunday, November 18-19 - Rock Springs Ranch** - For Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2024. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum will be held at the same time! A great opportunity for volunteers to learn from each other and get excited about trying some new things in their 4-H Clubs.



Registration is open now and will close on **Monday, October 16, 2023 at 11:59 pm.**

Find all the information at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>

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*

Find more information
and the application at
<https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/projectpartnershipteams.html>

* 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 restructure, 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.

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Club Chatter

Indian Creek

In our September meeting we initiated our new officers. They were initiated by giving them different types of pasta relating to what their office does.

At the end of the meeting, a few of our club members presented their favorite fair projects. They talked about why they enjoyed doing on them, what ribbon they got on it, and why it was their favorite.



Deer Trail

The Deer Trail 4-H September meeting was held on September 11, 2023 at a fellow 4-H'ers house. There was a potluck featuring food brought from several 4-H families. After the meal, we held a formal business meeting that included the installment of 4-H officers. This meeting was surely a great way to kick off the 2023-2024 4-H year!

Bunny Bunch

This past month Jacob, Christian and Kierstyn took Best of Breeds in the Southeast Kansas Rabbit Club show with their Mini Rex and Tan rabbits. Jacob & Christian won Best in Show with a beautiful Mini Rex.

State Fair happened this month as well. This was a fun filled weekend with contests for youth as well as having our rabbits judged. While not all our rabbits did as well as we'd hoped, they were up against a lot of other rabbits that showed potential as well.

Many of our club members are preparing for October Nationals in Kentucky. While this is not a 4H event, it is tied closely with the raising of their rabbits they show in the 4H shows. Please wish all of them well and good luck.

Sadly, this month marks the last month for many holding positions in our club. We look forward to next month when our members take hold of new positions.

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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

October 2023

1 New 4-H Year Begins!

1-8 National 4-H Week

2 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

5 Shooting Sports, EMR, 6:30 pm

4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm

7-8 48 Hours of 4-H

11 "Fall" in Love with 4-H Clothing, EMR, 6 pm

12 4-H Events Council, EMR, 7 pm

18 Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:30 pm

19 Horse Hippology Practice, EMR 6 pm

21-22 Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl, Rock Springs Ranch

22 Officer Leader Training, Air National Guard Museum, 12 pm

23 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

26 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
Chatterbox Submissions Due

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

9 & 10 Office Closed

15 Livestock Committee, Conference Room, 7:30 pm

18-19 KYLF, Rock Springs

23 & 24 Office Closed

TBD Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

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.