



# DECEMBER 2024

## Highlights:

- ★ December 12: 4-H Events Council
- ★ December 17: Office Closed- Staff Retreat
- ★ December 24-January 1 Office Closed for Holiday Break
- ★ January 3: January Chatterbox published & Bread Kit Assembly Day



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# Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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## Dates to Remember:

- December 12: 4-H Events Council Meeting
- December 17: Office Closed for Staff Retreat
- December 24-January 1: Office Closed for Holiday Break
- December 30: Livestock Field Trip
- January 3: Bread Kit Assembly

The January Chatterbox will be published on JANUARY 3rd!

**Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by DECEMBER 20**

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## A Word From Your Agent...

Dear 4-H Families,

Recently, Shawnee County had 9 youth attend the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum at Rock Springs 4-H Center. They had a great time learning about leadership and meeting new 4-H friends from across the state. If you have never attended a State 4-H Event, you should try to go to at least one. KYLF, Discovery Days and CIA are great ways to experience 4-H on the state level. There is information about all of these events on the Kansas 4-H site: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/>. We do offer \$100 scholarships for these activities that are funded by Johnsonville Sausage and Capitol Federal!

Coupon Codes are available for Rock Springs 4-H Camp again this year. Please use the code SNCO25 when you register for camp. You can register for camp here: <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/> Please keep in mind, you must be an enrolled Shawnee County 4-H in order to use the discount code. If you register for camp and have not yet enrolled, we will give you a two week grace period to enroll, and then you will be billed for the amount of the scholarship.

I hope everyone has a Happy Holiday season! If your club carols or does community service this time of year, please send pictures to the office. We can post them on our Facebook page!

## Shawnee County GroupMe

Interested in text updates about Shawnee County 4-H activities? Sign up for our new GroupMe:

[https://groupme.com/join\\_group/102815469/5JDLs55L](https://groupme.com/join_group/102815469/5JDLs55L)

Requests to join are subject to approval, and we will only accept enrolled members and their parents/guardians as listed in 4-H Online.

## Ambassador Information

4-Hers who are program age 12 or older and who have been in 4-H for at least 3 years are encouraged to join the group! For email updates, please sign up for the official Ambassador's email list here:

<https://forms.gle/4yTw5tZoGNtzRwwGA>

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## County News



The Extension Office will be closed the following days:

December 17- Staff Retreat

December 24-January 1- Holiday Break

January 20- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Chatterbox submissions are due December 20

The January Chatterbox will be published on January 3

## Bread Kit Assembly Day

Join us for our School Enrichment Bread Kit Assembly Day!

One of our School Enrichment programs is Wheat Science! Students learn about where wheat comes from, Kansas agriculture, and the science in baking. To fill the orders we need help assembling the kits the classrooms receive!

We will be assembling kits on Friday, January 3rd in the upstairs meeting room at the Extension Office starting at 1 pm!

Please let Grace and Lisa know if you plan to join us! This is a great volunteering opportunity to put into those Record Books!



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## Fairboard News

### Fair Theme Contest

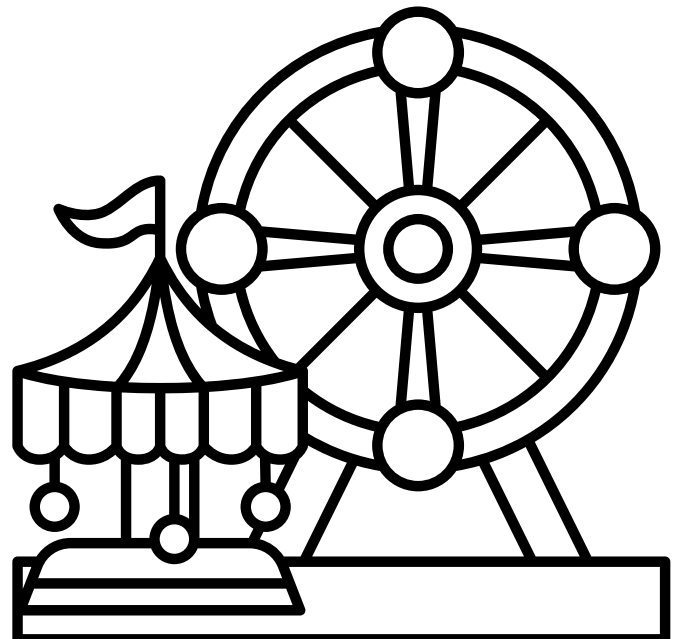
The fairboard wants to know your theme ideas for the 2025 Shawnee County Fair! Submit your ideas to the Extension office by 5 pm on January 28th in order to be considered.

### Open Class Volunteers Needed

Fairboard is looking for volunteers to help with open class divisions at the fair! If you are interested in being a superintendent, or if you can help with checking projects in at the fair, please let us know!

### Save the Date!

The next Snowflakes & Clovers Fairgrounds Fundraiser will be held on February 15, 2025. Be on the lookout for more details and ticket information coming soon!

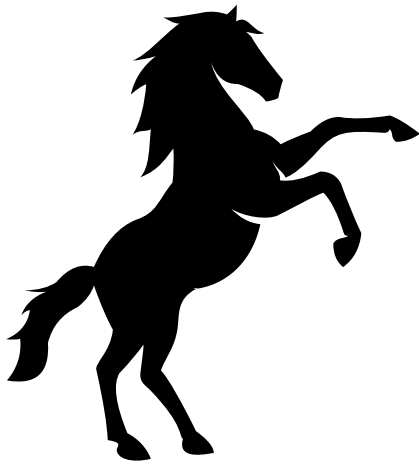


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## Livestock Corner

### Changes to Beef Limits for Shawnee County Fair Show

At their October meeting, the Livestock Committee voted that youth will be able to **show up to 3 market beef and 3 breeding beef** at the Shawnee County Fair in 2025. Changes for other species may be made in the future, but no decisions have been made for them.



### Horse ID Forms Updated

Horse ID papers have been updated! All members intending to show horses in 4-H events next summer must have this form completed and signed by Grace or Abigail by June 1, 2025. THE OLD FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE STATE. Find the new form in the K-State Bookstore at [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/horse-identification-certificate\\_P1039](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/horse-identification-certificate_P1039).

### Livestock Field Trip

Save the date for the livestock field trip on December 30th from 8 am-3:30 pm! We will be going to Nathan's Club Lambs in Chapman, Kansas. This is open to all 4-Hers, not just those in livestock projects! Any 4-Her under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Please RSVP to the extension office by December 20th. Final details on transportation will be shared on December 23rd.



### YQCA Launching Scholarship Program in 2025

YQCA will provide \$30,000 in scholarships in 2025 to selected youth certified in YQCA. This scholarship program will be for youth who are current high school seniors or older, up to age 21, pursuing an agriculture degree or trade. Scholarship applications will open in January 2025 and close on February 17th. Recipients will be announced in May.

To stay informed about this scholarship opportunity, make sure you are subscribed to the YQCA newsletter, where we will announce when scholarship applications are open. You can also visit the YQCA website in January for more information. Direct questions to [help@yqcaprogram.org](mailto:help@yqcaprogram.org).

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## State News

### Join us for our 4-H Day with the K-State Women's Basketball Team!

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents (KAE4-HA) is excited to inform you that the annual "4-H Day with the K-State Women's Basketball Team" has been scheduled for Saturday, January 4th at 4PM. Join us as the Wildcat women take on the Red Raiders of Texas Tech!

For \$25, each attendee will receive a ticket to the game, an awesome game day t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. A ticket/voucher option with no t-shirt is available for \$15.

Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/4HDaywiththeCats2025> or by scanning the QR code on the flyer by December 13th.

Questions? Contact Macy Hynek, River Valley 4-H Agent, at [mhynek@ksu.edu](mailto:mhynek@ksu.edu).



### Kansas 4-H Scholarships Now Open!

**Applications are due MARCH 1st, 2025!** Details for all Kansas 4-H scholarships are available at <https://kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>



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## State Events


### K-State Junior Producer Days 2025



### 2025 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 5 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the registration deadline, or \$25/person after that date. Registration is limited to 400 attendees, on a first come, first served basis. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

### March 1




#### Tentative Schedule

8:00AM	Registration Opens
9:00AM	Welcome
9:15AM	Project Selection
10:00AM	Breakout Sessions
	-Nutrition, Meats, Facilities & Equipment, Breeds & Ear Notching
12:00PM	Lunch
12:45PM	Health
1:30PM	Breakout Sessions
	-Showmanship, Daily Care & Clipping, Show Day Prep, Resources
3:00PM	Wrap-up
3:30PM	YQCA Training (optional)

#### Location

Stanley Stout Center




#### Registration

- ☑ \$20/person by February 5
- ☑ \$25/person after February 5
- ☑ Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- ☑ All attendees must register, including youth, parents, and adults.
- ☑ No refunds.
- ☑ Attendance is limited to the first 400 participants to register.

#### Register Online

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>




#### Questions?

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#### Register By February 5

\*Limited Attendance\*



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# Registration is OPEN!

Find more information at  
<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>



### K-State Junior MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY

# 3.22.25



#### Event

Join us on Saturday, March 22, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center north of the K-State campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 26 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 26 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth, parents, and adults. Registration is limited to 400 participants, filled on a first come, first serve basis.

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#### Tentative Program

Friday, March 21  
5:00-7:00PM Optional Tour  
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

Saturday, March 22  
8:00AM Check-in  
9:00AM Welcome  
9:15AM Selection  
10:00AM Breakout Sessions

- Nutrition
- Facilities & Equipment
- Doe Management & Kidding

11:15AM Health & Wellness  
12:00PM Lunch  
1:00PM Breakout Sessions

- Showmanship
- Reproduction
- Clipping & Grooming

3:15PM Wrap-up  
3:30PM YQCA Training (optional)  
4:00-6:00PM Optional Tour  
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

#### Registration

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#### By February 26

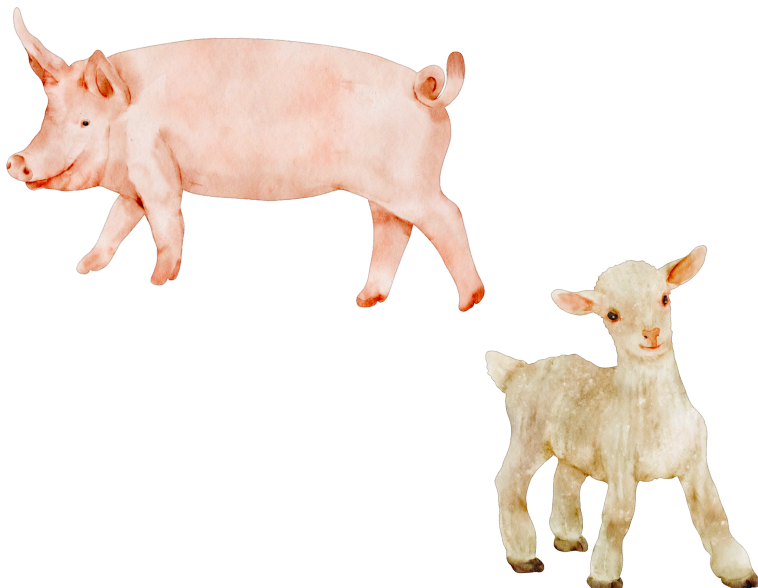
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## Club Chatter

### Auburn

The Auburn 4-H club met on Monday November 11th at the Auburn Community Center. The club had a great time with a pizza party. Following the pizza party they had their monthly meeting and celebrating their accomplishments throughout the year.



### Indian Creek

We hosted a welding project meeting for our club at the High family house. Tim High and several other 4-H dads were there to help teach basics of welding and help 4-Hers with their welds. This was the first opportunity for many kids to weld. The project for the day was a boot scraper. The 4-Hers had to first pick out their pieces and weld them together. Lastly, they grinded their project to clean up the imperfections. After completion, 4-Hers could take it home and sand it then paint it to enter into the fair. Our club looks forward to having many more opportunities like this for our club members this year.

-Lakyn Stoneking





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## Silver Lake

In November, the Silver Lake 4-H Club participated in cleaning the Landon Trail. We also participated in Achievement Night. In our November meeting, we had a project talk on corn & how to grow it. We also put together Christmas in a Shoebox. Our Silver Lake 4-H Club would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



## Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers 4-H Club met November 18, 2024, at Citizen Potawatomi Community Building. The Club has helped with the planning of the Can the Teacher fundraiser which will take place at both Rossville Grade School and High School during the first week of December. The collected cans will be donated to two local churches in the Rossville Community. The club will hold their next meeting on December 15, 2024, and will go caroling at Oakley Place of Rossville.

-Valencia Crawford

## Deer Trail

On Saturday, December 7th, 2024, the Deer Trail 4-H Club will have a float in the Miracle on Kansas Avenue Parade. The parade starts at 6 pm, but before we will decorate our float starting at 4pm. Float staging is at 12th and Van Buren. For more information or directions, call 785-218-7935. All 4-Hers are welcome to join in this fun event, and remember to dress warm. We hope to see you there, joining us in having a great time!

-Cecelia Schafer

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## Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

### December 2024

2 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm  
5 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm  
10 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm  
12 4-H Events Council, EMR, 7 pm  
14 Paw Prints Holiday Party, EMR 4-7 pm  
**17 Office Closed- Staff Retreat**  
18 Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:15 pm  
**20 Chatterbox Submissions Due**  
30 Livestock Field Trip

**December 24-January 1- Office Closed for Holiday Break**

**Happy Holidays**

### January 2025

**1 Office Closed- New Year's Day**  
2 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6:30 PM  
4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm  
3 Bread Kit Assembly, EMR, 1 pm  
6 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm  
8 Robotics/Coding Project Meeting, EMR, 6:30 pm  
9 Regional Record Book Judging, Manhattan  
15 Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:15 pm  
**20 Office Closed- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
23 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm  
**26 Chatterbox Submissions Due**  
27 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm  
28 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

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