

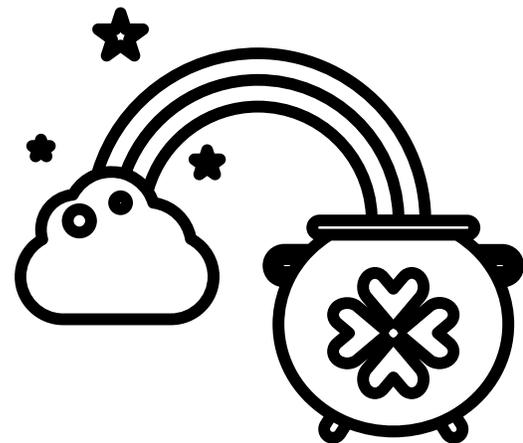
MARCH 2024

Highlights:

-  March 1: State Scholarships DUE
-  March 5: In-person Volunteer Training
-  March 19: YQCA Training
-  March 23: Regional Club Day

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Dates to Remember:

- March 1: ALL STATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE
- March 5: In-person Volunteer Training
- March 23: Regional Club Day, Paola

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by March 26

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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 23 4-Hers/ teams qualified to represent us at Regional Club Day on March 23rd, at Paola High School in Paola, Kansas. We need to provide room monitors for two rooms, 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!

We've got an exciting activity coming up for 4-Hers program age 12 and up! On March 14th we are taking a trip to Rock Springs Ranch for the ropes course and some camp activities! We only have spots for the first 16 4-Hers, so sign up by March 6th if you want to attend! You can find the form here:
<http://tinyurl.com/38ua3bth>

-Grace



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Livestock Corner

Important Dates

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day: Saturday, March 2, Manhattan

K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day: Saturday, March 16, Manhattan

Small Animal Weigh-In: Sunday, April 28th, 1:00-4:00 pm @ Blythe's



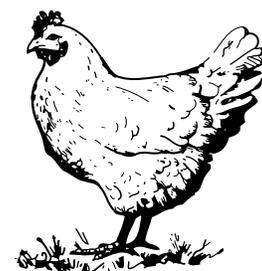
Spring Livestock Show: Saturday, May 4th @ Holton, KS

Information for the Spring Show is located on our website on the Flyers page:
<https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/up-coming-events/flyers/index.html>

YQCA Instructor led session dates: Tuesday, March 19th at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30 pm

Saturday, May 11th at 9 am



-All sessions will be held in the EMR-

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 Grace Wiens (wienosg@ksu.edu) or Abigail Gettinger (agettinger@ksu.edu) or visit the program website, yqcaprogram.org.

All those wishing to attend a future YQCA Instructor-Led Training, please 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).

Find more information on our website at https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/fair_info/yqca_training/index.html

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SUPERINTENDENTS NEEDED

Without superintendents we will not have these divisions at the 2024
Shawnee County Fair.

- Electric
- Interior Design & Architecture
(Home Environment)
- Photography



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County Notes

From Farm to You is Back!

The Shawnee County Extension office is happy to announce we will be hosting From Farm to You in 2024! This is the first time we have had this program since 2019.

From Farm to You will be held **April 23rd** from 9:00am-2:00pm in Domer Arena. We have 750 Shawnee County second graders attending to learn about where their food comes from. We need 4-H'ers (8th graders and above) to act as group leaders throughout the day. 4-H'ers will guide the students and their teachers from learning station to learning station.

This is a great service project and is also fun to watch the second graders learn about their food. We will provide lunch that day and if your school needs a note for your absence, we can do that too!

Please email Candis Meerpohl at candism@ksu.edu and let her know if you can help with this program.

4-H Volunteer Training Session

We will be holding an in person 4-H Volunteer Training session for new volunteers and any volunteers who need to complete the re-screening process. If you are unable to attend, there are training videos in 4-H Online you can watch on your own. Reach out to the office if you have any questions!

Date: Tuesday, March 5th

Time: 7 pm

Location: Extension Meeting Room (EMR)

Please RSVP by **TODAY** to Grace if you plan to attend!



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County Notes

Clothing Projects Workshops

-Events sponsored by the Marilyn Dudley Memorial- Questions: Call Karen Perkuhn at 785-221-8752.

Spring Break Sewing Workshop

Come sew an article for the 2024 Shawnee County Fair with Angie McConnell during Spring Break.

Date: **Thursday, March 14, 2024** from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Farm Bureau Building, 3801 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka, Kansas

Registration is required. **Registration closes March 4.**

This workshop is limited to the **first 10 4-Hers.**

save the date

Modeling Workshop

June 29th, 2024

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

Egg My Yard Fundraiser for Exchange

Support your Shawnee County 4-H Exchange members on their trip to Delaware this summer!

Google Form Link:

<https://forms.gle/8eWz9iGimuHZoWip9>

Questions? Contact Ashleigh Mengarelli call or text (785) 565-1930!



Egg My Yard Fundraiser

supporting Shawnee County 4-H Exchange members traveling to Delaware in 2024

Spots are LIMITED! Order February 26-March 18!

ORDER YOUR CANDY FILLED EGGS TO BE SCATTERED AND/OR HIDDEN IN YOUR YARD (OR A FRIEND'S YARD) AFTER DARK - SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024 -

30 Eggs - \$25
50 Eggs - \$40
100 Eggs - \$70
150 Eggs - \$100



North Topeka - Silver Lake -
Shawnee Heights - Auburn

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County Notes

Scholarships

Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation Scholarship Information



The Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation Scholarship application is now available!

The deadline for this scholarship is **March 29, 2024**

Note from the SCEEF: 4-Her's are no longer required to reside in Shawnee County, just be a member of Shawnee County 4-H!

Langley Foster Scholarship

The application for the Langley Foster Scholarship is now available! This scholarship is for sophomores, juniors, and seniors attending a two or four year postsecondary institution. The required GPA is cumulative. The deadline for this scholarship is **April 30, 2024!**

 Check our website for applications and more information! 
https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_and_recognition/scholarships/index.html

Fair Board Corner

Let's talk about fairgrounds fundraising. The Shawnee County Fair Board has decided to explore building new fairgrounds outside of the Stormont Vail Events Center. A committee was formed to start looking at this venture. This committee is still in the beginning sections of this plan. There have been some businesses jump on board to help make the group see their vision. The first fundraiser is in the books and a large amount of money has been deposited into a Kansas Rural Community Foundation. This committee is currently looking at writing grants and trying to attract corporate donations. This is a very fluid process, since it has just started. We will keep you updated as we go forward. If you would like to be on this committee, please attend the next Fair Board meeting March 26, 2024, to volunteer.

-Shawnee County Fair Board

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Alpha of Clovia House Visit

Hi everyone! I wanted to let any high/middle school girls know of a housing opportunity if you are interested in attending Kansas State University.

Alpha of Clovia 4-H Cooperative Leadership House is an alternative living opportunity for young women at K-State. We have opened registration for our spring 2024 Hospitality Weekend. The event will be on March 23 and 24 at the Clovia House.

Clovia provides a welcoming sisterhood for any young woman looking for an alternative to on-campus living opportunities. Our members are from 4-H, FFA, or similar backgrounds. We are currently recruiting for the fall 2024 new member class.

Register for the event online or view the website to learn more.

Contact
alphaofclovia@gmail.com with any questions.

- Anna Magill, Shawnee County 4-H alum.



YOU'RE INVITED



**Hospitality Weekend
at Clovia!**

**COME SPEND THE WEEKEND WITH US
AND GAIN EXPERIENCE AS A CLOVIA
GIRL IN HOUSE!**

**1200 PIONEER LN
MANHATTAN, KS 66502**

March 23 & 24
23rd at 10am to 24th at 1pm

REGISTER HERE

- ~ FREE REGISTRATION & T-SHIRT
- ~ ACTIVITIES @ THE HOUSE & ON CAMPUS
- ~ MEALS PROVIDED
- ~ OPTIONAL INTERVIEWS FOR FALL 2024

Shawnee County 4-H Chatterbox

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State 4-H News



STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST
HELD WITH EQUIFEST OF KANSAS
SALINE COUNTY EXPO CENTER : MARCH 14, 2024

Registration due March 8th
• \$25/participant (includes contest fees and lunch)

Additional Information: Kelsey Nordyke
knordyke@ksu.edu

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State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

Registration closes March 8th

Please be sure to read all rules prior to entry. 4-H Horse Judging rules are available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html>

4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar

Kansas 4-H, Colby Community College, and the KSU Horse Judging Team are pleased to offer a Kansas 4-H (and open) Horse Show Judges Seminar **Friday, April 12th**, at the Colby Community College School Farm (2002 County Road 23, Colby, KS). **Registration is due by March 29, 2024.**

Registration is now open and additional information is available at https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/HorseJudgeSeminar.html?fbclid=IwAR1HDBpmJGQQNsrN-yJBjXWX9bqRRG_fk9dhZQPxeC4ZxVzMQPapqRX27Ws



HORSE JUDGES SEMINAR

REGISTER TODAY

K-STATE Research and Extension **KSU** **COLBY** COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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State 4-H News



SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING

FOR ANYONE SERVING AS A 4-H VOLUNTEER OR CONSIDERING IT!
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 IN SALINA, KS

REGISTER TODAY

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The poster features a green background with a white gear icon on the left and a 4-H clover logo on the right. The central image shows a group of people in a classroom setting, with a presentation screen displaying "University Design for Learning".

Spring Into Volunteering

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" on **Saturday, April 20** in Salina, Kansas on the K-State Campus. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. \$20 fee includes materials, snacks and lunch. Online registration is due April 5, 2024 and the fee will be submitted to our local office.

Visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-continuing-education/index.html> for more information including the registration link!

Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

Registration for 4-H Camp at Rock Springs is now OPEN! If you are interested in camp at Rock Springs this year, we will have \$100 scholarships again! 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.

<https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>



CALLING ALL EXPLORERS, TRAILBLAZERS, & ADVENTURERS!

REGISTER NOW FOR 4-H CAMP AT ROCK SPRINGS RANCH!
All youth, ages 8-17 are welcome to attend!

K-STATE Research and Extension
ROCK SPRINGS RANCH
Old Town

The poster features a young boy in a red life vest and blue shirt, smiling and holding a fishing net. The background is a bright, outdoor setting.

Shawnee County 4-H Chatterbox

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2023/2024 KANSAS 4-H PROJECTS



Kansas 4-H has made some changes to Project names starting this new 4-H year. Here is a guide, including a helpful guide to how projects were listed previously!

Beef
Dairy Cattle
Dairy Goats
Dog
Horse
Meat Goats
Pets
Poultry
Rabbits
Sheep
Swine
Veterinary Science

Sewing & Textile Design
Shopping in Style
Family Studies
Fiber Arts
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Wellness
Interior Design & Architecture

Entomology
Agronomy
Forestry
Horticulture & Landscape Design

Ag Mechanics Welding
Building Block Engineering
Astronomy
Computer Science
Electric & Renewable Energy
Robotics
Aerospace/Rocketry
Small Engines
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
Woodworking

Communications
Performing Arts
Photography
Visual Arts

Environmental Science
Geology
Shooting Sports
Wildlife

Civic Engagement
Leadership
Reading Adventures
Self-Determined

PREVIOUS PROJECT LISTING

Beef
Dairy, Cattle
Dairy, Goats
Dog Care & Training
Horse
Meat Goats
Pets (including Cats)
Poultry
Rabbits
Sheep
Swine
Veterinary Science

Clothing & Textiles- Construction
Clothing & Textiles- Buymanship
Family Studies
Fiber Arts
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Wellness
Home Environment

Environment Science
Geology
Shooting Sports
Wildlife

Communications
Performing Arts
Photography
Visual Arts

Citizenship (Civic Engagement)
Leadership
Reading
Self-Determined

Entomology
Plant Science
Plant Science- Field Crops
Plant Science- Forestry
Plant Science- Horticulture

STEM - Ag Mechanics
STEM - Architectural Block Construction
STEM - Astronomy
STEM - Computer Science
STEM - Energy Management
STEM - Robotics
STEM- Aerospace/Rocketry
STEM - Small Engines
STEM - UAS
Woodworking



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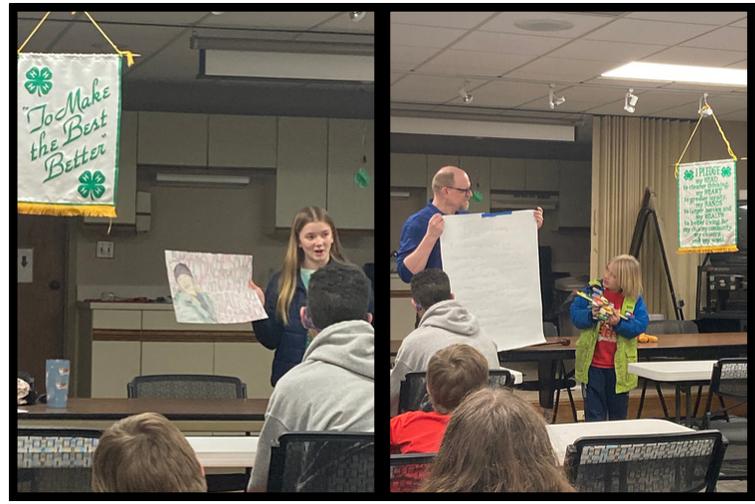
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Club Chatter

Deer Trail

The Deer Trail 4-H meeting was held on Monday, February 12. Grace and Gabe both gave project talks, Grace showing her art, and Gabe showing his Legos. We made plans for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. We will have a float, decorated by 4-Hers. If other clubs want to march in the parade or help decorate the float, they can call Jan Funk at 785-633-7639. We will meet at 4th and Kansas at 11 am, Saturday March 16, the day of the parade. All 4-Hers welcome!

-Cecelia Schafer



Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers started the year with some fun and festive activities. The club led a booth at January Jamboree with a snowman ornament craft. It was enjoyed by all ages of youth. In January, the club went ice skating in Manhattan and began its annual flower fundraiser.

-Cameron Thompson



Indian Creek

At this month's February meeting we had a Valentine's auction, and all the proceeds were donated to the North Topeka Outreach.

-Alyssa Staniec

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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

March 2024

- 1 State Scholarships Due
- 2 K-State Junior Beef Producer Day, Manhattan
- 4 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 5 Sewing Community Service Project, Conference Room, 6 pm
 - Volunteer Training, EMR, 7 pm
- 6 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6:30 pm
- 7 Shooting Sports: Air Pistol, EMR, 6 pm
 - 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 14 County Teen Leadership Activity, Rock Springs
 - State Horse Judging Contest, Salina
 - Sewing Over Spring Break, Farm Bureau Building, 6 pm
 - Sport Fishing, EMR, 6 pm
 - Archery Meeting, EMR 7:30 pm
- 16 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan
- 17 4-H Horse Clinic, Domer Arena
- 19 YQCA Training, EMR, 5:30 pm
 - Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm
- 20 Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 21 Shooting Sports: Air Pistol, EMR, 6 pm
- 23 Regional Club Day, Paola High School
- 25 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Chatterbox Submissions Due**
 - Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm
- 28 Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm

April 2024

- 1 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 4 Shooting Sports: Rifle II, EMR, 6:30 pm
 - 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 9 Archery, Domer Exercise Arena, 6 pm
- 10 4-H Horse Clinic
- 11 Events Council, EMR, 7 pm
- 16 Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm
- 17 Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 18 Sport Fishing, EMR, 6 pm
- 20 Spring Into Volunteering, Salina
- 22 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 23 From Farm to You, Domer Arena, 9 am
 - Archery, Domer Exercise Arena, 6 pm
 - Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm
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