



MAY 2024

Highlights:

-  **MAY 1: ENROLLMENT DUE!**
-  May 5: Discovery Days Registration Deadline
-  May 11: YQCA Training
-  May 24: Geology Field Trip Registration Deadline
-  May 24: Extension Office Network Upgrade 
-  June 1: County Fair Entries OPEN

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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- **May 1: LAST DAY TO ENROLL** to be eligible for Shawnee County Fair
- May 4: Shawnee County Spring Livestock Show, Holton
- May 11: YQCA Training
- May 24: Office Network Upgrade
- May 27: Office Closed
- **June 1: FairEntry OPENS**

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by May 26

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A Word From Your Agent...

Hello Shawnee County 4-H,

As the school year winds down, things are getting busier here at the office with fair preparations! Printed fair books will be available for pick up from your club boxes at the office by mid-May. Keep an eye out for an email from 4-H Online notifying you that they are ready. The deadline to enter fair projects will be July 1, so make sure you mark that date on your calendar! We will not accept late entries, the July 1 deadline is final. You will receive a user guide to FairEntry when entries open. Lastly, please, if you have questions about your entries, contact us before the July 1 deadline so we can help you!

We are adding an opportunity for older youth! A group of 4-Hers came to the planning meeting on April 11th and determined that there is a need for a group to promote 4-H, host regular fun community building activities, and take the lead on county-wide service projects. This will be open to all 4-Hers who are 12 as of Jan. 1st of the current year, are in at least their 3rd year of 4-H, and have attended at least 1/3 of their club's meetings in the last year. There will be another planning meeting on June 13th at 6 pm, before the events council meeting that anyone who is interested in joining is invited to! We will be finalizing the structure of the group and planning a kickoff activity for sometime in August.

Don't forget to check page 6 for details about registration and scholarship info for camp and Discovery Days!

- Grace



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Livestock Corner

IMPORTANT: Update to County Fair Livestock Sale

The Shawnee County Fair Board has recently voted to change the format for the Premium Auction at the County Fair. 4-Hers will now be able to select from two sales plans when they complete their "Intent to Sell" form:

- Plan 1: Premium + Market Price. This means the 4-Her will auction the animal for a premium price, then the animal will be sold to a buyer at market price to be butchered. Market price animals will be loaded onto a trailer at the end of the fair to be taken to the locker of the buyer's choice. 4-Her will receive both the premium and the market price for the sale of this animal.
- Plan 2: Premium Only: The 4-Her will auction the animal for a premium price, and the animal will not be offered to a market buyer. The 4-Her will then take the animal home, and will be able to continue to show the animal at state shows if they desire. 4-Her will only receive a premium payment, but will get to keep the animal.

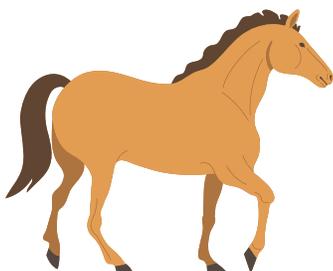
Intent to Sell forms will be due 30 minutes following the Beef show at the fair. You will identify the animal and the sales plan you would like to follow at that time, and buyers will be informed in the sale program and by the auctioneer.

IMPORTANT!

4-H Online Animal Update

ALL species of animals are now able to register animals in 4-H Online. As you know, when you add animal entries to FairEntry, you then have to create an animal before completing the entry. Listing them in 4-H Online will allow us to sync the two systems and give you a list of existing animals to choose from in FairEntry when it comes time to enter fair exhibits. This is not required for 2024, but we would encourage you to give it a try and let us know what you think of the process. The guide to adding animals can be found here:

https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/2024docs/Entering%20Animal%20Information_Families.pdf, or on our website under the current events column!



Horse Project members

The horse ID deadline is June 1st. You must be enrolled by May 1st and your horse must be ID'd by June 1st if you wish to show at the fair. Grace will be at the Horse Club Meeting on May 23rd to sign papers.

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Shawnee County Spring Livestock Show

Registration for the Shawnee County Spring Livestock Show is still open on FairEntry!

Registration will close the day of the show!

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/20022>



Don't Forget!

State Market Beef Nominations are due **today**, May 1. All steers and market heifers, of any breed, that a family would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS must be nominated.

YQCA Instructor led session dates:

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. **YQCA Training is a requirement in order to be able to sell an animal at the county fair!**

Start sending your YQCA certificates to Grace or Lisa!

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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County Notes

Clothing Projects Workshop

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

A graphic with the words "save the date" in a cursive font. "save" is in red, "the" is in blue, and "date" is in orange.

Modeling Workshop
June 29th, 2024

Horticulture Judging Contest Practices

Hello, 4-Her's, families, and volunteers! My name is Lane Wiens and I'm the Horticulture Agent at the Extension Office. Like I did last year, I will be holding horticulture judging practices again this summer in preparation for the local and state judging contests. The dates for practices are June 13th, June 27th, and July 16th from 2:00-4:00 pm and will focus on plant identification, quality judging, and general horticulture knowledge. The practice on June 13th will be held at Ward-Meade Historical Site. We will plan to meet at the west entrance, near the entrance to the Old Prairie Town. The other two practices will be held in the upstairs meeting room of the Extension Office. You don't have to be a member of the horticulture project to participate, you just have to be a registered 4-Her and open to learning more about plants!



Fair Board Corner

Fair board does not currently have a contract for this year's fair, and we will progress forward as if one is signed. There are plans for barn tours on the kid's day. We are looking for 4-H livestock kids to talk about their project and allow them to touch the animals. We are looking for those with projects in Exhibition Hall to work with us to do tours within the hall, we feel that 4-Hers talking to children are the best avenue. We are looking for 4-H adults and older 4-Hers to help with the bounce houses. Please drop a note to the fair board email if you can help with any of our needs.



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County Notes

Junior Fair Royalty

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for the 2024 Shawnee County Fair: Junior Royalty!

Junior Royalty is open to 4-Hers between the ages of 8 and 13. The competition will be similar to that of the King and Queen, but with a simplified application and an interview. The two winners will be named Shawnee County 4-H Fair Prince and Princess and will have opportunities to work with the King and Queen a few times throughout the year. Through this, we hope to encourage more participation in future King and Queen contests. While there will not be scholarships available, like there are for King and Queen, this will be a tremendous opportunity to gain experience for the King and Queen roles. Please join us as we start this new program and elect your Prince and Princess Nominees this May!

- Carl and Kaitlin, 2024 Shawnee County 4-H Fair King and Queen

From the Office

Hi all! The office is getting a network upgrade on May 24th! This means that our phones and our internet will be down all day. The office will be open, but we will not have phones, internet, and will not be able to use the Square at the front desk for payments.



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State 4-H News

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/>



Discovery Days 2024

Discovery Days is June 5th-7th! An event for 4-Hers 13-18 (before January 1st) brimming with interesting and educational sessions and activities! **Registration closes May 5th!** Shawnee County has \$100 scholarships available for Shawnee County 4-Hers attending!

Scan the QR codes for more information or check registration details at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>



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State 4-H News

Reminder: Presentations Are Eligible for State Fair!

Did you know you can take your presentations from Club Day to the Kansas State Fair? Please remember that purple ribbons or top blue ribbons of those age 9 and older (before January 1) can take their project talks, demonstrations and illustrated talks to the Kansas State Fair. Poetry entries can also be entered as non-competitive presentations.

There are some great resources for project talks, illustrated talks, demonstrations, and public speaking on the 4-H Communications Project Page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/leadership-personal-development/communications.html>

State Geology Field Trip

REGISTER TODAY

JUNE 14-16
WAKEENEY KANSAS
KANSAS 4-H GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP

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Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service.
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WHERE: The headquarters for the 2024 4-H Geology State Field Trip is the Trego Community High School, 527 Russell Avenue, WaKeeney, KS

WHAT: A variety of workshops and activities are planned for Friday and Saturday evenings. A variety of stops are planned on the Field Trip Saturday and Sunday. Project members are encouraged to participate in judging and quiz bowl. A catered supper will be provided Saturday evening for \$15.00 per person and we will have a variety of educational publications for sale through the Kansas Geological Survey.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 24th -
You must register all those who plan to attend including siblings ages 0-18 and all adults 19 and up - One registration per person

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS and NO registrations at the door

Register below:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6hhKshAq6jzFNLE

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Club Chatter

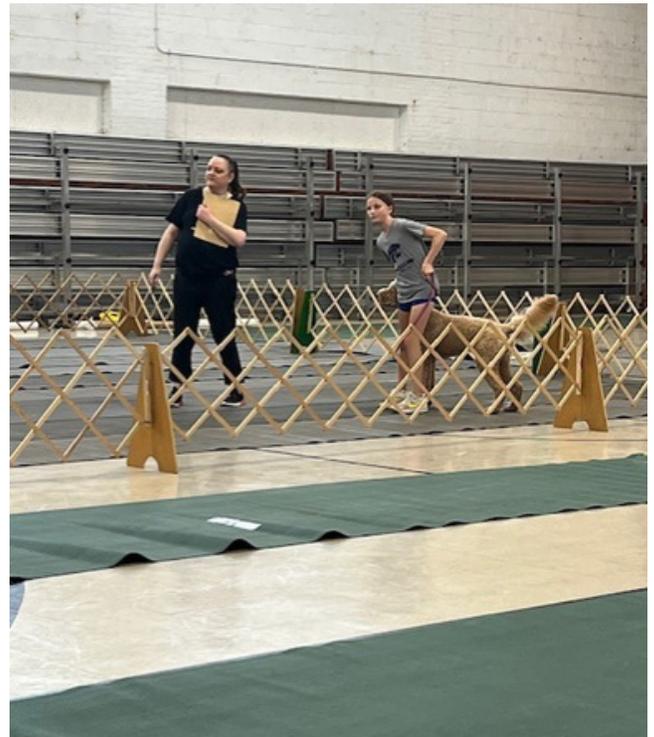
Indian Creek

In our April meeting our club handed out ribbons earned during club days and regional club days. We also had project talks about goats and photography, along with a bass clarinet performance and a gavel games performance.

Paw Prints

The Paw Prints Dog Club hosted a spring show April 14, 2024, at the Auburn Community Center. Attendees participated in the following classes: Rally, Agility, Obedience and Showmanship. It was a great opportunity for learning, demonstrating, and having fun with our dogs.

Submitted by Valencia Crawford



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Silver Lake

In our April meeting, we were led by the junior officers. We talked about doing the Silver Lake Community Clean-Up Day, which we did (photos below). We discussed fundraising by working the home football games at the high school this coming fall and we also discussed small animal weigh-in. Our next meeting will be in June.

Submitted by: Tyler Thomas



Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers 4-H Club has been working hard during the spring months. The club wrapped their annual flower sale and then planted flowers in downtown Rossville. In May, the club will celebrate with a senior recognition program.

Cameron Thompson, Reporter





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Riverside

The Riverside 4-H club held a Bake Sale and Hot Dog Lunch fundraiser on April 6th at Tractor Supply. Items for the sale were baked by the 4-Hers and their families and the senior leaders cooked the hot dogs for the lunch. Profits from the sale will be used to support club activities such as scholarships for graduating seniors, club t-shirts, donations to county activities and other club events.

Reporter - Grayson Kuckelman



Bunny Bunch

April and May are when most National Breed shows happen. This month we had several Bunny Bunch 4-H members travel in and out of state to attend their breed National shows. It's a fun yet stressful time. This month's meeting we discussed the Shawnee County 4-H fair rabbit show.

Our next meeting is May 6th upstairs room at the extension office. Hope to see you there.

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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

May 2024

1 4-H ENROLLMENT DUE!

4-H Horse Clinic, Domer Arena

2 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6:30 pm

4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm

4 Livestock Spring Show, Holton

6 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

7 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm

11 YQCA Training, EMR, 9 am

15 Livestock Committee Meeting,

Conference Room, 7:15 pm

21 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm

Geology, EMR, 7 pm

23 Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm

24 Extension Office Network Upgrade, no
phone or internet. Office will be **OPEN**

26 Chatterbox Submissions Due

27 Office Closed

28 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, Conference
Room, 7 pm

Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

June 2024

1 Fair Entries OPEN

1-2 4-H Open Horse Show, Domer Arena

3 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

4 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm

6 Shooting Sports: Rifle II, EMR, 6:30 pm

4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm

12 4-H Horse Clinic, Domer Arena

13 Events Council, EMR, 7 pm

18 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm

Geology, TBD, 7 pm

19 Office Closed

TBD Livestock Committee Meeting,

Conference Room, 7:15 pm

24 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

25 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

26 Chatterbox Submissions Due

27 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

July 1 Fair Entries CLOSE

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All dates and activities are subject to change.