

JUNE 2025

Highlights:



June 4-6: Discovery Days



June 12: 4-H Events Council Meeting



June 14: 4-H Art Day



JUNE 19: OFFICE CLOSED- JUNETEENTH



June 21: King & Queen Interviews



July 1: FAIR ENTRIES CLOSE



July 3: Fair Superintendents Meeting



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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- June 1: County Fair Entries OPEN
- June 4-6: Discovery Days
- June 14: 4-H Art Day
- June 19: OFFICE CLOSED
- June 21: King & Queen Interviews
- July 1: County Fair Entries CLOSE

In the event of severe weather check our Facebook page for updates!

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Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by June 26

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A Word From Your Agent...

Hello 4-H Families!

Summer is in full swing and FairEntry will be opening on June 1st! You can find the entry site at shawneeks.fairentry.com. Keep an eye out for an email from 4-H Online with the FairEntry User Guide and the fair book attached!

Entries are due by 5:00 pm on July 1st. We will not take any late entries, so it is vital that you do not miss this deadline. Do not wait until last minute to start your entries. We are happy to help in the office if you run into any issues with your entries, so feel free to call, email, or stop by! Please make sure you look over the rules for each project you enter as some existing classes have had rule changes.

Lots of good reminders in this issue of the chatterbox, please look at the calendar in the back to make sure you are not missing out on anything.

Have a Safe and Fun 4-H Summer!
-Grace

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

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 Notes

Coding & Robotics Meetings

Attention All Coding and Robotics Interest:

Hi, I'm Miles Burgess and for the last few years I have been doing coding and robotics and recently there has been not many people doing the project So, I am starting to host a coding class where you will learn coding from the basics being scratch (Basic coding website) to being able to code python (Coding Language) and develop software of your choosing. In this class we can also work on fair projects and other forms of coding. The dates for the class is as follows

Friday, June 13th - 6:30 pm-8 pm

Wednesday, July 2nd - 6:30 pm-8 pm



The coding class will be held in the upstairs meeting room at the extension office. Hope to see you there.

Fair Shirts for 4-Hers

Fair shirts will be available again for Shawnee County youth 4-H members thanks to the support of the County Events Council. If you wish to order a Fair t-shirt, please do so at the link below:
<https://forms.gle/JbkQuf413GMtvyk59>

Sign up closes July 1 at 5 pm to secure a 2025 Fair T-shirt!



Horticulture Judging Contest

Practices

Hello! I'm Lane Wiens, the Horticulture Extension Agent for the county and also the coach for the horticulture judging contest team. Just like the last couple of years, I'll be holding three practices for the contest over the course of the summer. The first will be June 12 from 9:30-11:30 at Jackson's Greenhouse (1933 NW Lower Silver Lake Rd.) to work on skills in flower and tree identification. The other two practices, scheduled for June 26th and July 10th from 1:30-3:00, will be held at the Extension Office and focus on the other aspects of the contest. These practices are open to any 4-Her that would like to participate in the judging contest!

June 12, 9:30-11:30, Jackson's Greenhouse

June 26, 1:30-3:00, Shawnee County Extension Office

July 10, 1:30-3:00, Shawnee County Extension Office

I'll see you then!



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Shawnee County Royalty News

Thank you to all the clubs who have nominated candidates for the event this year! If you have not already done so, please add your nominees to the nomination link below.

Remember if you are a club nominated candidate, you can receive 5 additional points to the total applicant score. Links to the Applications are included below. If youth 14 and older (and a three year 4-H member) want to participate in the King and Queen program but are not nominated by a club, you can still participate if they wish this year.

Only club nominees will be accepted for prince and princess.

Nomination Link: <https://forms.gle/7CXyXCJ8sXxBM7pU6>

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 6TH.

If you are submitting a hard copy application, please have it to the Extension Office by 5 pm. You can also submit your application to the email address listed below by 5 pm.

The application for both King & Queen nominees can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12q8rvh1NIKjH2c09T9NOxtKLFH1gi1Ab/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111559126409073132283&rtpof=true&sd=true>
(applications need limited to 8 pages)

The application for both Prince and Princess nominees can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18NC1ig9ZjwhR-3jX1q5PqwV-Xw5poLpV/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111559126409073132283&rtpof=true&sd=true> (applications should be limited to 3 pages)

Thank you and please contact us at 4hkingandqueensncoks@gmail.com for questions.

2024-25 Shawnee County 4-H King
Cameron Thompson



2024-25 Shawnee County 4-H Queen
Megan Louderback



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From The Fair Board



HELP WANTED: FAIR SECRETARY

This individual is responsible for pre-fair inventory of ribbons and supplies, stocking the superintendent's boxes prior to the fair beginning, ensuring the boxes are checked out to the super's during fair, checking the boxes back in, and post-fair inventory of ribbons and supplies. If you know of any interested individuals, please reach out to Grace for more information!

4-H Art Day

Learn new art techniques that will spark your creativity! Make something that you can enter into the Visual Arts project at the Shawnee County Fair!

- Printmaking
- Paper Mache
- Watercolor
- Dot Painting
- Seed Art

Join us Saturday, June 14 in the upstairs Extension Office Meeting Room. Art stations will be open from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Come when you can, stay as long as you like.

Please RSVP to ensure that we have enough supplies. Scan the QR code or use this link: <https://forms.gle/F38w4u3KTZ1CDAHAA> to fill out the Google form. All ages welcome.

Questions? Contact Jenny VanLeeuwen,
Visual Arts Superintendent,
jenvanlee@mac.com



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Livestock Corner

IMPORTANT

State Livestock Nomination Dates

- June 5: DNA Envelopes Ordered for Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifers
- June 15: Nomination Deadline for Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers
 - market hogs, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, market meat goats, breeding does (ALL- commercial and registered), commercial heifers

Families who have previously nominated livestock should have an email from Lexie Hayes with more detailed information. In addition, more information can be found at: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>. If you have questions, please reach out to the office and we can connect you to the state office.

Important Update to Livestock Rules for County Fair

Sheep, Swine & Meat Goat Limits Increased

The maximum number of entries for all three small animal livestock species has been increased! You can now bring 3 animals/phase of the project (breeding or market) with a maximum of 6 animals/species. So you could bring up to 3 market hogs & 3 gilts, 3 market lambs & 3 breeding ewes, and 3 market goats & 3 breeding does. All county fair animals must be tagged either at their species Weigh-In date or by the Friday immediately following if you are unable to make it to tagging & weigh-in. Animals tagged outside of weigh-in will not be eligible for the Rate of Gain contest at the fair.

Review of Livestock Sale Rules

The limit for the premium auction will still be 2 animals/4-Her. Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats, Poultry, & Meat Rabbits are all eligible. We will use the same structure as in the 2024 fair, with the option to sell you animal for premium only and take it home, or sell it for premium and floor & have a buyer send it to a locker. Youth from all species will be required to complete YQCA training, attend 2 of 3 educational sessions hosted by the Livestock Committee, and turn in livestock drug withdrawal & buyer forms in order to sell an animal through the premium auction.

LAST EDUCATIONAL SESSION

There is one education session left for youth who intend to sell livestock. It is tentatively scheduled for June 18th and will cover how to approach a potential buyer. We do encourage all 4-Hers, even if they have met the requirements of attending 2 sessions, to attend this one. It will be especially helpful if they are in their first 2-3 years in 4-H, as talking to prospective buyers can be intimidating and Mary Gleason will have some great tips for them!



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Show Opportunities

Links for Dog and Horse Shows and Clinics

Dog Events: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/dog/local-dog-events/>

Horse Events: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshows.html>

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BARNYARD BASH FIELD DAY

Join the 4-H Ambassadors
for a fun-filled afternoon!
Cost will be \$12/4-Her. Please
register by June 18th!

June 21st, 2025, 4-7 pm

Shawnee North
Community Center

Register Here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/0XLryYS93a>

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Young Innovators Market Contest Grades 7th-12th

Do you have a small business
with a product to sell?

Food, Jewelry, Art, etc. we want to
see it all! There will be prizes for
best booths and you get to keep
your sales.



Contest:

June 20th at Evergy Plaza

- Set up 5:00pm - 5:30pm
- Contest 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- Awards 7:00pm

There will be a learning session prior to the
contest. All youth 7th-12th grade
(2025-2026 school year)
are encouraged to participate!

Learning Sessions:

- June 12th for Food Businesses (Required)
- June 13th for non food businesses.

The learning sessions are opportunities for you
to learn about creating a market booth, pricing
and strategies to engage with customers.

They will be from 5:30pm-7:00pm at the
Shawnee County Extension Office. The address is
1740 SW Western Ave, Topeka, KS 66604.

The Contest will have Cash Prizes!*

1st place \$1,000 prize

2nd place \$800 prize

3rd place \$600 prize

* Prizes sponsored by
Shawnee Startups and Go
Topeka!

Rules:

- Youth must be residents or
attending school in Shawnee
County
- Youth must be in 7th-12th grade
- All products being sold must be
listed in the application and must
be approved prior to the contest
by the contest organizers

Registration due by June 3rd

You can register online at

<https://rb.gy/itlk3s>

Or by calling the
Shawnee County Extension office
785-232-0062

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Club Chatter

Bunny Bunch

At our last meeting of the Bunny Bunch 4-H club we discussed the rabbit project fair schedule, learned about rabbits teeth, and made flowers to deliver and pass out for the Legends assisted living community. We brought rabbits and visited with the residents. Everyone had a great time including the rabbits who got lots of loves. Our next meetings will be June 2nd at the extension office followed by our meeting July 7th at 7pm.

-Brooklynn Powell



Auburn

The Auburn 4-H club had a fun time during recreation for our May meeting. We played "Simon Says" outside and everyone had fun. We had two project talks and held nominations for king and queen and prince and princess. In the month of May we volunteered at the Auburn Community Center to give back to the community for letting us hold our meetings here. We helped dust the library, move dirt around the yard and helped pick up trash.

- Lilly Bayless



Grove

Grove 4-H members attended small animal weigh in on April 27, and the showmanship classes afterward, in preparation for county fair and spring shows. We appreciate those who took the time to teach.

-Chance Nolte



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

June 2025

- 2 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, Downstairs Conference Room, 7 pm
- Robotics/Coding Project Meeting, EMR, 6:30 pm
- 5 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 6 4-H Royalty Applications DUE @ 5 pm
- 12 Horticulture Judging Practice, Jackson's Greenhouse, 9:30 am-11:30 am
- Archery, Domer Arena, 6 pm
- 4-H Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 14 4-H Art Day, EMR, 9am-12pm
- 17 Geology, **EMR**, 7 pm
- 18 Archery, Domer Arena, 6 pm
- Livestock Committee Meeting, Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 21 4-H Royalty Interviews, Extension Office
- 23 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 24 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Horticulture Judging Practice, EMR, 1 pm- 3 pm
- Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- Chatterbox Submissions Due**

EMR= Extension Meeting Room at
Extension Office

July 2025

- 1 County Fair Entries CLOSE @ 5 PM
- 2 Robotics/Coding Project Meeting, EMR, 6:30 pm
- 3 Fair Superintendent's Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 7 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 10 Horticulture Judging Practice, EMR, 1 pm- 3 pm
- Archery, Domer Arena, 6 pm
- 15 Geology, EMR, 7 pm?
- 16 Livestock Judging Practice, Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 18 Shawnee County Fair Clothing & Fashion Revue Judging, Maner Conference Center, 9 am
- 20 Shawnee County Fair Horse Show
- Shawnee County Fair Photography Judging, 1 pm- 4 pm
- 22 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm
- 24-27 2025 SHAWNEE COUNTY FAIR**
- 28 Chatterbox Submissions Due**
- Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm



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All dates and activities are subject to change.