



Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- ◆ June 3rd-Jr. District Horse Show entries due
- ◆ June 4- Camp OzSome bus loads at 11:30am
- ◆ June 7-Camp OzSome bus returns around 2pm
- ◆ June 8-District Horse Show Entries Due
- ◆ June 10- State Horse Judging Registrations Due
- ◆ June 15- Livestock Nominations Due
- ◆ June 20-Fair Entries Due

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A Word From Your Agent...

Hello 4-H Families!

Summer is in full swing and I'm hoping everyone has their fair book and fair entry form by now. If not please call our office immediately. **Fair Entries are due on June 20th**. If your entry is received after that date there is a \$25 **per entry** late fee. No entries can be accepted after June 27th.

Your entries can be mailed to the office and we will use June 20th postmark to determine if they are in on time. If you do this I recommend paying for a certified letter with receipt. If you drop your entry form into the mailbox outside and the mail has already been picked up for the 20th a 21st postmark will make all of your entries late. Those entries will incur the fee if you choose to still enter.


The best practice is to not wait until the last minute to do your fair entries. Please take the time out of your day and just finish them now and you can mail, fax, e-mail or walk them in. If you e-mail your entries it must be a scanned image of the entry card. Do not write them into the body of an e-mail, we will not accept them that way.

Again, this year the fair entry software did not print self-determined projects specific names on the entry card. If you are enrolled in welding, cake decorating or construction zone your card will probably just say self-determined. If you are not sure which of these projects you are enrolled in you can go into 4-H online yourself and look up your projects. Let our office know if you have questions.

Please also look at the fair schedule because some events and judging times have been moved.

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!



Dogs & Horses---Write down the name of your animal on your fair entry on the Breed/Tag# line please.

Rabbits---- Your rabbit breeds and corresponding three digit ID can be found on the Shawnee County website: www.shawnee.ksu.edu
 Don't forget to include your tattoo ID on your entry form.

Chickens---You will need to write down your band numbers please. Bands can be purchased at the 4-H office.

All other Livestock---Please remember to include your animal's tag number.



Mark Your Calendar!



- June 8th Deadline for NE district horse show entries
- June 10th Deadline for State Horse Judging Registrations
- OZ-Some Summer camp departs June 4th at 11:30
- Oz-Some Summer camp returns June 7th at 2ish
- **June 20th—Fair Entries Due!**
- Campference, June 24th thru the 27th
- July 6th, Pullorum Testing for all Fair Poultry!
- Shawnee County Photo Judging, July 10th, 1-4pm
- Superintendents Meet July 14th at 7pm, EMR
- Shawnee County Clothing Project Judging , July 15th
- Shawnee County Horse Show, July 16th-17th
- *Shawnee County Fair, July 21st-24th*

Here's the scoop on the block of rooms at the Capital City Hotel.

July 21 and 22, there are 2 rooms still open and the 23rd there are 3 open.

You will need to request the block of rooms under the Shawnee County Fair Board Association. Rooms are \$69.00 + tax per night

Selling Livestock at the Fair

All 4-Her's planning to sell market beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, or rabbits at the county fair must turn in a completed market buyers form into the office by **June 20th**. We ask that each youth contact at least 3 potential buyers. You can call, write a letter or stop by and talk to potential buyers about the livestock sale and the animals you will be exhibiting.

Contacting buyers is an important part of selling your market animals. Marketing your livestock project to potential buyers not only helps bring people to the sale but it also helps buyers understand the amount of time and energy you have put into your livestock project. We encourage youth to contact at least 1 new buyer every year. In doing this our hope is that new businesses or individuals will come and participate in the sale.

The buyers' forms are located in your fair book on page 60.

Every buyer you turn in will be invited to attend the Family Fun Night Dinner, which will be held on Saturday, July 23rd. Please call with any questions.



From Project to Profit

Have you ever considered turning your 4-H project into a small business? On June 15th from 1-5pm Shawnee County 4-H will be having a workshop on the subject of Entrepreneurism. That's a big word for what it takes to start your own business!



The workshop will be from 1-5pm at the Farm Bureau meeting room at 3801 SW Wanamaker. Topics covered will be Turning your Assets into Money, Time Management, The Language of Business and How to Create a Business Plan.

You do not need to have a business idea in mind to learn about the entrepreneurship process. The day will be formatted for youth in 6th-9th grade. Registration will be \$5 and include handouts and a snack. Registration will be on the Shawnee County 4-H website on May 9th. If you have any questions please e-mail Candis at candism@ksu.edu.

4-H SPIN (Special Interest) Clubs

Have you been hearing about 4-H SPIN Clubs? Shawnee County has had SPIN clubs for the past three years. The delivery method of 4-H is different in a SPIN Club but the goal is still the same; expose youth to the positive benefits of 4-H!

A SPIN Club is a shorter 4-H Experience than a traditional 4-H Club. They meet for a minimum of six sessions and focus on just one project. Traditional 4-H projects can be SPIN Club subjects but it is also open to other subjects that can be taught in a hands-on manner with the opportunity for mastery.

Some SPIN Clubs that Shawnee County has had include: Foods and Nutrition, Geo Caching, Food Science, Container Gardening and Lego Robots! In Shawnee County we have found a great home for these clubs inside of After School programs. Clubs can also be held in the evenings or on weekends like other 4-H project clubs if we have youth that can attend.

There is no doubt that the best youth development experience 4-H has to offer is the Community Club Model, however a smaller 4-H experience is better than nothing at all. 4-H SPIN clubs still teach youth mastery and belonging and depending on the volunteer leading it can be formatted to work in leadership and service.

If you have a passion that you would like to share in the SPIN Club format to expose more Shawnee County Youth to 4-H I, Candis, would love to talk with you. SPIN Club volunteers must complete the volunteer screening process. Older youth can also be SPIN club leaders and that would look great in a 4-H record book.

SPIN Clubs are just one tool in our 4-H toolbox to help youth in Shawnee County. It is filling a need our county has!



Calling all poultry members... **The Birds Are Back!!!**

I am happy to announce at this time we are planning for showing poultry and offering poultry showmanship at the Shawnee County Fair. With that in mind, we will have our **pullorum testing clinic available Wednesday, July 6th from 4pm – 7pm, please try to arrive by 6:45pm at the extension office parking lot.**



Once again, we are lucky enough this year to have this service provided to us at no cost by the State Kansas Department of Agriculture. Please remember that if you are planning on showing your birds during the fair they are required to have pullorum testing done prior to the fair and proof of testing will be asked for during the bird inspections before entering the building. If you do not have the certificate of testing, you will not be allowed to show your bird or use them for showmanship.

There will be one change in the process, with the new Animal Disease Traceability rules and the outbreak of HPAI, the rules are being more strictly enforced. A wing band will be placed on either side of the “elbow” depending somewhat on the size of the bird. The state will be doing this wing banding for all the birds that they tests. This wing band will not replace the need for a leg band, your birds are still required to have a leg band for fair entry. The wing band procedure is something that actually has been in the NPIP requirements for a while, but has not been enforced in the past. The wing band number will also be recorded on the test chart so verification can be looked up at a later time if necessary.

If you have any questions regarding the testing, please give me a call.

Donna Braden, Shawnee County Poultry Superintendent, 785-249-0862



CALLING ALL RABBIT 4-H PARTICIPANTS.

A QUICK REMINDER THAT ALL RABBITS AND KITS NEED TO HAVE A TATTOO IN THEIR LEFT EAR BEFORE COUNTY FAIR.

If you are needing a tattoo we can arrange for someone to come to the Bunny Bunch meeting in June or July on the first Monday's of the month.

Please do not expect to come to fair and have it done there. Contact Stephanie Magill at 785-861-7473 or the extension office, if you are needing tattoo's so arrangements can be made to get one to the club meeting.

Also, please have your rabbit sexed and breed identified correctly. If you are unsure of your breed we can provide correct pictures to you so that you are able to correctly fill out breed identification for the fair.



state Events and Activities

State Livestock Nominations Due June 15th

All small animal state livestock nominations (non-market beef) are due June 15th. This includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats. There is not a separate division for registered breeding does at either state show, so all meat goats must be nominated in order to be eligible to show.

County Fair Entry Forms Are Due to the Office on June 20th!

Any 4-H or FFA youth who would like to exhibit in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or KJLS is required to nominate their livestock projects. The 2016 nomination information has been distributed to county offices and may be found on the Youth Livestock Program website. The 2016 Declaration and Specie Nomination Forms MUST be used for nominations to be accepted. All families are encouraged to use the specie checklist as a guide to ensure their nominations are complete upon submission. This resource may be found on the Youth Livestock Program website, or through the local county office. Please double check that there are not any blank fields or questions on the Declaration and Nomination Forms before placing them in the mail.

As a reminder, ear notches are required for swine nominations and scrapie tag numbers are required for sheep and goats. Nominations received without this information will be considered incomplete and returned to the family for completion. Confirmation letters will be sent to families once their nominations have been processed, and reports will regularly be posted on the Youth Livestock Program website. Families are encouraged to use one of these options to verify their nominations.

A complete nomination does NOT constitute show entry. The Kansas State Fair and KJLS will release entry information to agents and through their respective websites as entry season draws near. State Fair Grand Drive entries will be due July 15th, and KJLS entries will be due August 15th. Animals who are nominated, but do not follow the appropriate entry processes set forth by each show, will not be permitted to show. For nomination questions, please contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu.

2016 Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Saturday, August 20, 2016 on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan.

The study material for the years 2015 & 2016 is taken from The Kansas Garden Guide, KSRE publication S-51 (Rev.) March 2010. This publication is available for purchase at local Extension offices or can be downloaded. The Kansas Garden Guide.



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The written exam selections from The Kansas Garden Guide include pp. 5-23 (Introduction, Planning a Garden, Composting, Soil Improvement, Seeding and Planting and pp 71-74 (Herbs). Be sure to use the 2010 version of the garden guide. This information is available on the Kansas 4-H Website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page. Contest specifics will be available this summer.

Effective January 1, 2015, contestants who have judged as an official team member at the National Junior Horticulture Association Judging Contest are not eligible to compete as a team or as an individual at the State Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest. Registration materials will be available later this summer.

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest Now Open for Registration

The 2016 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest is now open for registration! The contest will be held June 23rd, 2016, at the Ag Hall at the Saline County Expo Center, Salina, KS, with check in beginning at 8:30 AM. **Registration is due June 10th, 2016, at midnight.**

Registration will be completed online using the Cvent Registration Site. The contest is open to all 4-Hers enrolled in the Horse Project who are 9-18 years of age before January 1, 2016. There is no achievement level completion required to participate in the contest. Those wishing to register will fill out a registration form to be turned into their Local Extension Office. Extension staff must then complete the Cvent registration for each participant. Signed registration forms should be email to Christa Obermeyer at christao@ksu.edu

Registration forms and complete contest rules and regulations can be found on the Kansas 4-H website.

County Fire Bans and Rocket Launches

This is a reminder about Kansas 4-H rocketry rules as they relate to fire bans in Kansas. While much of Kansas has received good recent rains, the situation can change very rapidly in Kansas. The 2016 Kansas State Fair rules state “if a fire burn ban is in effect for any county in Kansas, exhibitors in any Kansas county are not required to launch their rocket(s). All requirements for the launching of rockets for the state fair and the documenting of the launching are suspended for the duration of the ban.” We advise all counties to be cautious and use good judgment in planning and conducting county rocket launches, and consider cancelling them if dry conditions warrant. If you have comments or questions, please contact Deryl Waldren, dwaldren@ksu.edu, or 785-462-6281.



Club Chatter

Silver Lake 4-H Club



On April 10, 2016, the Silver Lake 4-H Club held their meeting at the First Baptist Church. Candis Meerpohl came to the meeting and told us some tips for our meeting. She also showed us some games to play for recreation. The Silver Lake 4-H Club planted flowers around the community on May 1, 2016. They planted flowers at the new and old First Baptist Church, the Silver Lake Library, and Lakeside Baptist Church. The Club enjoyed participating in these events. ~Reporter Anna Ruby

Auburn 4-H Club

The Auburn 4-H Club was busy baking in preparation of its May fundraiser, which provide assistance and concessions to the Master Gardener Plant Sale. The money was raised to support our Club's camp scholarships, and we appreciated everyone who worked, baked goods, and purchased. We sold many types of goods, including muffins, granola bars, cinnamon rolls and beverages.

Also, on May 23rd for Auburn Elementary's "Fun and Fitness Day," we had 4-H animals and project displays at the grade school to teach elementary kids about 4-H. Josh Kamer led the event for the second year. Youth could pet and learn about goats, horse, chickens, bucket calf and see photography. Josh indicated they had a great turn-out in the morning, but rain shut down the fun for the afternoon. We thank all the youth who helped with the event.

Lastly, at Club meeting, Auburn congratulated it seniors, Megan Rose Winsinger and Natalie Richards and recognized them with a small gift for representing us well in their years as members of our club. ~Reporters Parker Myer and Josh Kamer



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June

- May 31-June 3 Sewing Camp/Discovery Days
- 2 Exchange 7:00pm, Sn. Co. Farm Bureau
- 3 Jr District Horse Show Entries Due
- 4-7 4-H County Camp, Rock Springs
- 6 Bunny Bunch 7:00 p.m., EMR
- 7-8 Tractor Safety Class 9-4pm, Kan-Equip in Wamego
- 8 District Horse Show Entries Due
- 8 Livestock Committee, 7:30 p.m., CR
- 9 Events Council Exec., 6:15 p.m., EMR
Events Council Meeting 7:00pm,EMR
- 10 Horse Judging Contest Registration Due
- 10-12 State Geology Field Trip, Minneola area
- 14 Extension Council Exec. Board 5:30pm,EMR
- 15 All other Livestock Nominations Due to the State Office**
- 15 Horse Clinic, Livestock Pavilion
- 16 Ambassador Mtg. 7:00 p.m., CR
- 16 Shooting Sports II, 7:00 p.m. EMR
- 17 Jr. District Horse Show
- 16-27 Citizen Washington Focus Trip
- 20 Fair Pre-Entries due by 5:00 p.m.**
- 23 State Horse Judging Contest, Salina
- 24-27 Campference
- 24– 7/1 Exchange traveling to Wisconsin
- 23 Deadline to submit articles to Chatterbox
- 23 Horse Club, 7:00 p.m., EMR
- 27 Paw Prints, 7:00 p.m., EMR
- 28 Fair Board, 7:00 p.m., EMR

July

- 4 Office Closed/4th of July**
- 5 Bunny Bunch 7:00 pm, EMR
- 7 Exchange 7:00 pm Shawnee Co. Farm Bureau
- 10 **Shawnee County Photography Judging**
- 12 Extension Council Exec. Board 5:30pm, EMR
- 13 District Horse Show
- 13 Livestock Committee, 7:30pm, CR
- 14 Fair Superintendents Meeting 7:00pm, EMR**
- 15 **Shawnee County Fair Clothing and Fashion Revue**
- 16-17 **Shawnee County Fair 4-H Horse Show**
- 20 Deadline to submit articles to Chatterbox
- 21 Ambassador Mtg., 7:00 pm, CR
- 21-24 **Shawnee County Fair Activities**
- 25 Paw Prints, 7:00 pm, EMR

All dates and activities are subject to change.