A Word From Your Agent...

Agent Report

I have to start by thanking all the youth, parents and volunteers for a great 2021 Shawnee County Fair! We had some challenges this year, but everyone did their part and we had a great week! I hope all of our 4-H’ers had fun but also learned something about their 4-H projects. Rarely if ever, are our exhibits perfect. I hope you take time to reflect on how you were judges and write down the things you can work on. The fair is a great way to help us grow in our project knowledge and our skills.

I hope you have already written your Thank You notes, but if not please take care of those quickly. If donors do not receive appreciation of their gifts, they may stop donating. Your handwritten thank you is very special to the people who support our program.

While we take a moment to celebrate our success don’t forget those record books! All our 4-H’ers are doing great things, and they can be recognized by putting all their accomplishments into their record books. Record books and achievement pin forms will be due to the office on October 1st. Be watching for a date and location for our 2021 4-H Achievement celebration!

~Candis
Introducing the 2021/2022 Shawnee County Fair King and Queen!

**King**: Tim Biggs, son of Kent and Pattie Biggs. Tim is a member of the Indian Creek 4-H Club.

**Queen**: Anna Magill, daughter of Matthew and Stephanie Magill. Anna is a member of the Indian Creek 4-H Club.

These two will represent the Shawnee County Fair throughout the 2021/2022 4-H year.

Thank you to Derek Stahel and Gwen VanLeeuwen for running a great King and Queen contest this year!

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**Congrats 2021 4-H Graduates!**

Derek Stahel, Riverside 4-H Club
Braedan Miller, Auburn 4-H Club
Anna Ruby, Silver Lake 4-H Club
Ian Schulz, Riverside 4-H Club
Isaac Richardson, Shunga Valley 4-H Club
Karsyn Russell, Indian Creek 4-H Club
Patrick Biggs, Indian Creek 4-H Club
Maggie Stadler, Riverside 4-H Club
Aubrey Bahner, Grove 4-H Club
Brody Elliott, Ad Astra 4-H Club
Calista Covel, Shawnee Riders 4-H Club
Danali Cramer, Indian Creek 4-H Club

Isaiah Boutz, Deer Trail 4-H Club
Shaina Krainbill, Auburn 4-H Club

This list of 4-H’ers have been your club officers, project leaders, camp counselors and 4-H event planners. We got to celebrate them on the last day of the fair. We also took time to recognize our 2020 seniors that could not walk across the stage last year.

We had a big group of amazing leaders from Shawnee County. We can’t wait to see all the great things to come from them!
Getting Exhibits to the Kansas State Fair

If you entered an item to go to the Kansas State Fair, the extension office can help get your item there. **We will be accepting state fair items from Wednesday September 1st, to September 7th by 5pm.** The items will be going to Hutchinson before 8am on Wednesday so if it is not here on the 7th, it will miss the ride. **There is no special time for foods or horticulture entries.**

Because we only have a minivan to take up exhibits, transportation for animals, large woodwork, large electric or other large projects will be up to families.

Packing instructions: If you would like the extension staff to transport your exhibits to the state fair, please see that they are securely packed.

Clothing items should be placed in dry cleaning bags. Geology and Entomology boxes should be packed in the following manner: Cover the top with cardboard, foam core or a carpet sample and secure with heavy string. If you want to ensure that photos are not scuffed please bring them in a two-gallon food storage bag. Avoid putting boxes inside another box if possible. Also make sure to have your entry cards are filled out and secured to your project. **You will get the entry cards at the office when you drop off.** If you are taking your own exhibit let us know so we can mail entry cards to you. Mark your packing materials with the 4-H’er name and division. That way when we load up after the fair we can get them in their original boxes.

New this year every fair exhibitor will be receiving two tickets to the Kansas State Fair instead of ribbon premium. If you would like to order extra tickets or hangtags there will be a 4-H online e-mail on how to do that.

**Our office is happy to help more 4-H’ers exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. However, we are not responsible for broken or lost exhibits. We do our best, but things can happen in transport.**

### 48 Hours of 4-H 2021

We hope every Extension Unit will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums too!

**When:** October 9-10, 2021

**Who:** 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

It's time to make plans for your club to participate. **Check out the website for a helpful guide, and to register your projects(s).**

If you have a big Community Project planned, we have two pop up banners and one hanging banner. We would love to have those used in 3 different locations this year. Contact Beth Hinshaw (bhinshaw@ksu.edu) if you are interested in borrowing one!
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
Submitted by Beth Hinshaw

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) will be held November 20-21, 2021 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun.

There will also be an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

We will soon have a call for workshop presenters.

Registration will open in late August/early September. Registration deadline is October 15, 2021 at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate. Once registration is open, a note will be sent to the KSRE system.

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Kansas 4-H Dog Care and Training News
Submitted by Aliah K. Mestrovich Seay

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference logo design contest is open to all dog project members. Designs are needed for the 2021 theme: SURVIVING AND THRIVING WITH 4H K9’s. Designs must reflect this theme and be submitted electronically in a JPG format. PDF submissions will not be accepted. The winning logo design, with professional modifications, will be used for promotional efforts including t-shirts. The winning entry will receive a complimentary registration for the 2021 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference, October 23-24, 2021. There is no cash value. Entries must be received electronically to 4-H Dog Action Team State Liaison Aliah Mestrovich Seay by Sunday, August 15. Questions may be directed to Aliah Mestrovich Seay at aliah@ksu.edu.
Youth Leadership Council Elections

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and National Conference Applications
Submitted by Beth Hinshaw

The Youth Council Application and National Conference Application will be combined this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities.

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2022 may apply as a Council Rep and those 15-18 before January 1, 2022 may apply for National Conference.

This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF and they serve a two year term on council.

Application information for State 4-H Youth Leadership Council and National Conference will be available in August. The deadline will be October 1, 2021.
Shawnee County 4-H Chatterbox

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August

2   Bunny Bunch, 7pm, EMR
10  Extension Board Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom
12  Events Council, 7pm, EMR
23  Paw Prints Dog Club, 7pm, EMR
24  Fair Board, 7pm, EMR
25  Chatterbox Articles Due
26  Horse Club, 7pm, EMR

September

1   Horse Clinic, Domer Arena
1-7 Accepting Kansas State Fair Entries
6   Office Closed/ Labor Day
10-19 Kansas State Fair
14  Shawnee County Extension Board, 5:30pm
25  Chatterbox Articles Due
28  Fair Board, 7pm, EMR

*All dates and activities are subject to change.

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