A Word From Your Agent...

Happy Holidays! I hope you’re all enjoying the end of the year, and are thinking about how you can incorporate the spirit of giving into your 4-H projects and club activities. Be sure to take lots of pictures of any projects you do so we can share them on our Facebook page and in the January Chatterbox!

In November, 5 Shawnee County 4-Hers attended KYLF, and had a great time making new friends and learning about leadership! If you’ve never attended a state 4-H event, you should definitely try at least one. More information about these activities can be found at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/index.html.

I have been impressed by the clubs I’ve visited so far! There is a lot of strong youth leadership in Shawnee County 4-H. If you haven’t scheduled a visit yet, please reach out to me at wiensg@ksu.edu. There are two program options this year: bath bombs or hand sanitizer, so just let me know which you’re interested in. I’d like to get the rest of these scheduled for your January, February, or March meetings!

We’ll have lots of fun activities after the first of the year. January Jamboree is will be held on January 8th, and Jr./Sr. Lock-In will be later in January. 4-H Club Day will be in early February, and there will be more information in the January Chatterbox.

I hope you all have a happy holiday season and a good end to 2021!

Grace

Shawnee County 4-Hers having a great time at KYLF!
December Foods Project Meeting

If you want to "Wow!" the guests at your dinner parties this December, take an hour and a half to come to this simple class. This is great for anyone who’s wanting to start out in yeast breads but doesn’t know where to start. The class will be in the Maranatha Baptist Church Kitchen (49th and Burlingame Road) on Saturday December 11 at 9:30am. We should be done by 11. You’ll go home with a batch of dough to bake late Saturday night or Sunday morning!

To register email Laura Krainbill at Laura.krainbill@ks.gov.

A supply list and directions to the kitchen will be mailed the week of the event.

Open to any ages, but space IS limited.

New to 4-H?

Check out the projects available in 4-H! There is something for everyone in our project selection guide. You can find the guide on our website: https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/club-leader-resources/docs/ProjectSelectionGuideColor.pdf
Capture the Beauty of the Season

As the weather gets colder, it's the perfect time to take out your camera and capture the beauty of the season. So dress warmly, and grab your camera to sharpen your skills at a winter photo outing on **December 20th, 5:00 – 7:00 pm at TinMan Circle on the east side of Lake Shawnee.**

Photos of TARC's Winter Wonderland (pending approval)

Pictures of fire and flaming marshmallows*

Painting with light

Night portraits

And more!

* Please bring S’more making supplies to share!

**RSVP by 6:00 pm December 19th** to Rick Miller at ratrmw@gmail.com. Questions: 785.221.8235

Assembling Bread Kits on December 20th

Kansas Day is just around the corner and you know what that means ..... we need your help in making bread in a bag kits.

**We will be putting together bread in a bag kit for School Enrichment on December 20th, Monday at 1:00 pm in the upstairs meeting room.** We are looking for about 12 volunteers. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your fellow 4-H friends, and add community service to your record book. So come and join the fun!

The School Enrichment program is an opportunity to reach school-age children that may not have had any other 4-H experience. This is not a fundraiser for the Extension Office. The schools pay a nominal fee per student to cover the cost of the supplies. The bread in a bag Wheat Science program is one of the most popular programs offered to the elementary teachers in Shawnee County.

Please call Haley Kelley at 232-0062 x112 or email kelley13@ksu.edu by **December 6th** so we will know how many helpers to count on.
Livestock Corner

**Dates to mark:**
- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest in Tonganoxie
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Registration Due for Livestock Field Trip
- Dec 29<sup>th</sup> Livestock Field Trip
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Beef Weigh In

**Shawnee County Livestock Field Trip Open to all 4-H Members**

The Shawnee County 4-H Livestock Committee is hosting a Field Trip to enhance 4-Her's knowledge of Agriculture & Livestock. This year, 4-Her's will tour the Kansas Artificial Breeding Service Unit (KABSU) at 9:00am and the K-State Dairy Unit at 10:30am on Wednesday, December 29th, 2022. Lunch will be provided at the Manhattan Pizza Ranch following the tours.  

*Registration forms & fees due to the Extension Office by Dec 10<sup>th</sup>,* registration form can be found On the Shawnee 4-H Events Fliers Tab. https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/event-fliers/

**Jr. Producer Days for Beef & Sheep**

**Jr. Producer Beef Day or March 5th & Jr. Producer Sheep Day is March 19th.**

The junior producer days are one-day (Saturday) educational events for families to learn about the selection and management of a specific species. They are hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. Youth, parents, volunteers, and extension agents are invited to attend and learn about a variety of topics related to the project. Sessions include selection, nutrition, meat science, repro, fitting and grooming, daily care, and showmanship, plus a few that are specific to a particular specie. Presenters include K-State faculty, staff, students, and invited speakers. We will once again be offering an instructor-led YQCA training as an optional class at the end of the day for those interested in getting certified while they are here. T-shirts are provided to youth and adults who sign up before the deadline published on the registration materials. Please watch for more details, https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html
Kansas 4-H State Events and Activities

4-H Day with Women's Basketball
Save the date! The annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" is coming back this year. This year's game will take place on Sunday, January 23rd at 1pm as the Wildcats take on OU. Each game package purchased through KAE4-HA for this event will include: A game ticket, $10 concession voucher, t-shirt, and an awesome day at Bramlage Coliseum, all for just $22! Registration will be out soon!

Horse Panorama Back at Rock Springs
Horse Panorama will move back to Rock Springs January 28-30, 2022. Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Speaking Contests will be held in person. While photography, logos, posters, and the model horse will be offered as hybrid classes, allowing those unable to attend an opportunity to submit materials. Registration will be released in early December, closing early January. The exact dates will be released with registration. Check the Panorama webpage as we update it with schedules, contest rules, and registration information.

Academic Year Programs (AYP) for 2022-23
Academic Year Exchanges, which will involve high school students from Japan and South Korea coming to Kansas in August 2022 and returning to their native countries in June 2023, are now seeking host families for the year. These students' applications are expected to begin arriving in the U.S. at the end of January 2022. Encourage families who are interested to discuss the opportunity over Christmas/New Years holiday. These exchange students are eager to become members of Kansas families. Some have been planning for this experience for several years. They have all studied English and passed several levels of interviews and have strong academic backgrounds and are motivated to work hard in their studies. 4-H does its best to support the students and the host families throughout the exchange.

Anyone with questions or who would like access to the Host Family Application link should contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas AYP Coordinator at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu. She is available throughout the holiday period. Munson reminds families that families who apply early will have the widest selection of students. There are no requirements of host siblings for this exchange. Families provide food, lodging and transportation. Students pay for their own personal needs, clothing and school expenses. They are provided good health insurance by the program.
Silver Lake 4-H Club

Silver Lake 4-H Club has been busy this month packing shoeboxes for Samaritans Christmas in a Shoebox project. We met an evening this month and packed 28 boxes. The picture is the 4-H members and some of our boxes. We had a special guest at our club meeting, Grace Wiens, and we made bath bombs with her.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Weber, Silver Lake 4-H club reporter

Shawnee Riders 4-H Club

The Shawnee Riders 4H group had a fun activity with making Thanksgiving Turkeys tonight. Anne Conard did a demonstration on how to create a Turkey by using Oreo’s, Fudge Stripes cookies, Rolo, Fudge frosting and Candy Corn. Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving!
Indian Creek 4-H Club

Indian Creek 4-H Club had many members and parents turn out for our 48 hours of 4-H community service project. Our club assisted Shawnee County Parks and Rec by clearing overgrowth on the trail at the Shawnee County North Community Center. This trail is used by many community members and for field trips by many of the elementary schools in the area. We all had fun giving back to the community.

Riverside 4-H Club

Riverside Club Prepares For Season of Giving
At the November Riverside Club meeting, we made trail mix. During parliamentary procedure we practiced and learned to make a proper motion by going through the step by step process while making the mix. During business, the club approved the budget for the year. We made and decorated bags for VA residents and staff so we could fill them in December. We also planned our shopping trip for the child we adopted for Christmas.
Cameron Thompson, Reporter
Auburn 4-H Club

On October 30, the Auburn 4-H club held a Fall party to celebrate another 4-H year. The Auburn 4-Hers enjoyed pizza and mini golf while they were there. The party was in response to club members winning a poster contest earlier this year and wanting to do something fun.

On November 7, the Auburn 4-H club joined together to plant a Maple tree as a memorial of Phyllis Willard. Phyllis Willard was a long-time leader and supporter for the Auburn 4-H club. The club also still has active members from the Willard family. One of these is Bree Willard, who said she and her brother were happy to have the tree and would help water and care for it. At the November club meeting, Phyllis' family members participated in the club dedication of her tree that was planted at Heritage Park in Auburn. Bree led the club and her very energetic family in the 7th inning stretch in singing Take Me Out to the Ballgame.

--Braedan Miller

Photography Project Club

The Shawnee County Picture Perfect Club put on a Fall photo shoot. We had 7 4H'ers show up and take some awesome pictures. We started off with a fun pumpkin carving demonstration by Braedan, where along with learning about how to carve some pumpkins they were able to take some candid shots. Then we moved on to making some pumpkin seeds to be cooked while we went on to take and work on photography rules on premade picture stations.

--Kaylin P
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