**A Word From Your Agent...**

Hello 4-Hers and families! It is so good to be here in Shawnee County with you all. In the months of November & December, I am planning to visit your club meetings and getting to know you all a bit. Club Leaders, I will start reaching out later this week to set up visits, so be watching for an email!

I’m very excited about the program that is planned for Achievement Night. What better way to get introduced to Shawnee County 4-H than to spend an evening celebrating the past years’ successes and achievements!

4-Hers attending KYLF: I’m very much looking forward to spending the weekend with you all! There is still some time left to sign up; enrollment for KYLF closes Thursday, November 4th. A separate letter with more details will be sent out to our KYLF Delegates once we get a little closer to that weekend.

Lastly, don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or even if you would just like to introduce yourself!

- Grace

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**Achievement Night - Calling All 4-H Superheroes!**

Grab your capes to attend 4-H Achievement Night on Saturday Nov. 13th at the Auburn Community Center. The doors will open at 6:00pm and the program begins at 6:30pm. The community center in Auburn is at 121 W 11th St. and you can also park across Auburn road at the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

We will celebrate our youth’s 4-H Achievements, our volunteers and have some fun! Our Events Council is sponsoring door prizes this year, and you must be present to win. We have two Lego sets, two scooters, a sewing machine, a baking set and Visa gift cards! After our program we will have refreshments and social time for our youth and families.

New families are also invited as each club will get a chance to go on stage and we want to include all our 4-H’ers. See you in Auburn!
**County Fair Theme Contest**

Attention Shawnee County 4-H Clubs: The Shawnee County Fair Board needs your help picking a fair theme for the 2022 Shawnee County Fair! They would like to give each club the opportunity to submit up to two ideas for next year’s fair theme.

Themes submitted will be voted on by the board members, the winning club will be featured in the 2022 Shawnee County Fair book. Themes must be submitted by January 21st, 2022 by 5pm, limit of two ideas per club. The winning club will receive a $25 award.

Please submit your theme to the Shawnee County Fair Board by emailing them to shawneecofair-board@gmail.com.

The winning theme will be announced January 26th, 2022 and the cover competition will begin. Watch your Feb. Chatterbox for the due date for the fair book cover competition.

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**4-H Sport Fishing Project Club**

Again, for the 2021-2022 4-H year there will be a Sport Fishing project club! Youth will be taught the safety and skills needed to be successful fishers by Brett Fox and Daniel VanHoozier. Both are certified 4-H volunteers and also deliver the Fishing’s Future program. Youth 9 and older are invited to attend and equipment will be provided. The group will meet January 20th, February 17th, March 1st & 17th and April 21st from 6-7:30pm. The group will meet in the Extension Meeting room until the weather is nice enough to go out and fish at Lake Shawnee! If you want to be a part of the group please e-mail Grace Wiens wiensg@ksu.edu to reserve your spot. Please let us know your youth will be coming by January 1st.

Also, don’t forget to enroll in the fishing project when you are selecting new 4-H projects!
2022 Record Books Update

After a successful 2 year pilot program, we are excited to launch the online ZBooks 4-H record keeping software state-wide for the new 2021/2022 program year. Pilot units found that ZBooks is extremely easy to navigate and user friendly. This online record keeping software is identical to the new Project Report Form pdfs- meaning 4-H’ers and families now have the option to choose which format they feel more comfortable using. Families can continue to fill out the form-fillable pdf version of Project Report Forms or they may opt to keep their records online with ZBooks. Both are evaluated using the same rubric and the same set of standards.

Some features of ZBooks include:

- Mobile friendly- jot down notes, weights, ear tags, expenses, etc on the spot!
- Internet based- you can work on them from any device that is connected to the internet
- Unlimited amount of entries until final report is submitted- youth select the allowed number of entries to print on final report, allowing them to prioritize, summarize, etc.
- Permanent Record is also included
- Extension staff have ability to view member’s progress, send reminders, upload local forms, etc.
- Adult volunteers may receive viewing rights for members in their clubs and/or project areas so they too can track progress, coach and encourage record keeping
- Live online ZBooks Support Chat feature

Stay tuned for more information regarding available training resources, and check out the ZBooks resource page.

https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html

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. 4th  Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest in Tonganoxie
- Dec 10th  Registration Due for Livestock Field Trip
- Dec 29th  Livestock Field Trip
- Feb 13th  Beef Weigh In
- Mar. 19th  YQCA In-Person Training
- April 5th  YQCA In-Person Training
- April 24th  Bucket Calf, Goat, Sheep & Swine Weigh In
- June 8th  YQCA In-Person Training

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. There will be a charter bus leaving from the Extension Office at 8am. Parents are not required to attend; it is recommended that parents accompany youth younger than 8 years old. Registration forms & fees due to the Extension Office by Dec 10th, registration form can be found on the Shawnee 4-H Events Flyer Tab. https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/event-fliers/

Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest

Leavenworth County Extension is hosting a full day hands-on Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest Saturday, December 4th in Tonganoxie, KS at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. All levels of experience are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Butler County Community College Livestock Judging Team & Coach will be to teach and officiate. More information and Registration can be found on the 4-H Events Flyer Tab under Livestock Events. Registration is due November 19th.
Thank you for a great Kansas State Fair!
Submitted by Wade M. Weber

Thank you to all the KSRE professionals and volunteers who come together to provide a great experience for the 2021 Kansas State Fair. Because of your dedication and persistence, we were able to provide a great experience for Kansas 4-H youth -exhibiting their creativity, accomplishments, and learning for all fair goers to see. From the livestock barns at the south end, to 4-H Centennial Hall at the north end, From the horse arena to 4-H Encampment - the spirit of 4-H was alive and well! We even got a little more buggy than normal. Each and every year it is special, but this year in particular in a sign of greater things to come. Thanks for giving so much to make the best better each and every day for youth through 4-H!

48 Hours of 4-H Wrap Up
Submitted by Beth Hinshaw

Thanks so much for encouraging your local 4H Members to take part in 48 Hours of 4-H this year! Such great projects we saw over social media, and we know there are a few are still set to take place! We need a good response on the follow up reporting. Please encourage your clubs and groups to report their 484H activities by filling out the online report. Even if they did not pre-register, we want them to report what they did as we want to be able to quantify what happened and see some photos. If you have thoughts about the event there is a place to add those in the online report or you can drop one of the advisors an email.

Beth Hinshaw, Sarah Maass and Anna Muir on behalf of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council
Auburn 4-H Club

On October 10th, nine members of the Auburn 4-H Club mopped, swept, dusted, cleaned windows, and did other various tasks to brighten up the Auburn Community Center as a 48 Hours of 4-H project. The Auburn Community Center has hosted the Auburn 4-H Club meetings for the past year. The staff of the center were very pleased with the club’s efforts and came to the October club meeting to say thanks. They also said that it was good to see what a group of people could accomplish together. Some of the participating youth said that it was hard work, but it was also fun working with their 4-H friends to help the facility.

-Braedan Miller with help from Bryson, Lily, and Kinley

Deer Trail 4-H Club

During our Deer Trail 4-H September meeting we held officer elections. Congratulations to the following:
- Kaylin Phillips- President
- Marshall Gibson- Vice President
- JoyAnne Boutz- Secretary
- Willa Swanson- Treasurer
- Grace Funk- Reporter
- Lincoln Thompson- Historian
- Callie Phillips- Parliamentarian
- Sayo Matsumoto- Recreation Chair

For 48 hours of 4-H, Deer Trail helped out at Corner Stone. We tended to flower beds, cleaned out their shed, and picked up trash from 9 a.m. to noon. Thank you to all those who helped out!
Shawnee Riders 4-H Club

Shawnee Riders had a Halloween themed 4-H meeting on October 19 at the Farm Bureau Building on Wanamaker at 7 pm. President Meredith Burgess was a Ghostbuster leading the meeting with Haley Tillery as the Rocker Vice President. Most of the kids dressed up as their favorite book characters. Shawnee Riders meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Farm Bureau Building at 3801 SW Wanamaker Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Weber, Club Reporter

Silver Lake 4-H Club

Silver Lake 4-H Club has been very busy this last month. We had our annual fall activity and hayride as well as installation of officers at the meeting. Sheldon Weber gave a project talk about his beef projects. We put up a display at the Silver Lake Grade School to promote 4-H during National 4-H week and promoted 4-H through the Silver Lake Homecoming parade with a float complete with calves. Our club has also been working the concession stand at Silver Lake football games to earn money for our club.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Weber, Club Reporter
Officer Leader Training

A very big Thank You to the Deer Trail 4-H Club for all of their work organizing Officer Leader training on October 24th! It was a great opportunity for our youth to learn about their office as well as leadership and teamwork. Planning a countywide event is no easy task, so thank you again to Deer Trail for leading the charge!
# Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

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