A Word From Your Agent...

Hi everyone! I hope you are getting off to a great start on your projects and activities this year. As a reminder, if you are not enrolled in 4-H Online yet you will need to be in order to receive emails and updates from us. If you are having a hard time with the 4-H Online site, don’t hesitate to reach out to the office and Haley and Grace can help you through.

We are still looking for some superintendents for the county fair. If you know of anyone who is interested in serving in that role for the Arts & Crafts, Woodworking, or Cloverbud projects, please let me know! This is very important as we can’t have these projects without superintendents.

High school Seniors, it is time for scholarship applications to be submitted! If you are submitting an application to Kansas 4-H those are due March 1st, 2022, and the application can be found here: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html

Shawnee County Extension Foundation is also offering scholarships. You can find due dates and applications here: https://www.shawnee.ksu.edu/4-h/scholarships/

- Grace

Congratulations to the Shawnee County 4-H Senior Hippology Team!

Not only did they place first at the Kansas 4-H Hippology Contest, but they have also qualified to represent Kansas at the national Hippology Contest for 2022.

Barnyard Round Up

Haley has hidden two animals that can be shown at the county fair somewhere in the chatterbox. Be on the look out while your reading up on what's going on. The first 4-Her to name both type of animals and where they are located will receive a special treat.
February Foods Project Meeting

Cinnamon Rolls

Here by popular demand!: We will learn how to mix and roll out prepared dough for a wonderful dozen cinnamon rolls. Then, each participant will go home with their own batch of dough that will need to be rolled out and then raised and baked at home after the class. (Make sure to plan that time into your day – about 1 ½ to 2 hours AFTER class time). Class will be held at Maranatha Baptist Fellowship at 10am Saturday, February 26. Class size is limited, so be sure to sign up early by emailing Laura.krainbill@ks.gov. Because I need to prepare the teaching dough in advance, signup will be closed after February 24.

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Extension Foundation Scholarships

Attention High School Seniors and 4-H Alumni already in college, foundation scholarship applications are now available. These scholarships are only for Shawnee County 4-H members that reside in Shawnee County. The foundation scholarship for High School seniors is a $500 scholarship and the application is due March 31st. The Langley Foster scholarship is for those who will be a Soph., Jr. or Sr at a 2 or 4-year college is a $500 scholarship. The Langley Foster scholarship is due April 29th.

These scholarships are funded by local supporters of Shawnee County 4-H and Shawnee County Extension. You can find the applications on the Scholarship tab of the 4-H website: https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarships/

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship link is also live. Those application are online and must be completed by March 1st. If you receive a Kansas 4-H Scholarship you are not eligible for a Foundation scholarship. However, please apply because you will now know if you have a Kansas 4-H Scholarship by the time the foundation scholarship applications are due.
4-H Photo Enthusiasts – Join us for the Statewide Workshop

Shawnee County Picture Perfect Youth Leaders have designed this year's local statewide Photo Workshop to be COVID friendly...with outside sessions in the Ted Ensley Gardens; all learning is hands-on with either a smartphone or traditional camera. In addition, youth are preparing technical videos to replace a classroom offering. The event is Sunday April 24th from 10 AM - 3 PM.

There is an EXTRA bonus this year. Picture Perfect Youth leaders are interviewing professional photographers. Gain insights from talented photographers featured in National Geographic or tips on capturing the Great Northern lights. These are two of just several must-sees!!! Your registration includes all of these sessions and the opportunity to participate in our Photo Judging contest.

It is time to register!!! See the flyer (https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/event-fliers/) for more details and a QR code. You can also click on the website link: https://tinyurl.com/mamevyuy

The Picture Perfect Team is also seeking to fill 1-2 youth leaders who are ready to lead and help plan events such as the Statewide Workshop, local outings and County Fair photo judging. What is the commitment?

♦ Planning of 3-4 local photo outings per year
♦ Designing and leading the annual Photo Workshop sessions
♦ Helping with Photo judging during fair, typically the Sunday before fair + set-up/tear down during fair
♦ Team estimates 6-7 meetings – typically a weekday evening
♦ Requirements for Eligibility:
  ♦ Age 12 or older and enrolled in photography project for a minimum of 3 years
  ♦ Willing to respond to emails and attend planning meetings
  ♦ Willing to expand photo skills and learn to lead sessions for 4-Hers. Apply skills and presentation skills during local events and the statewide workshop

Commitment to attend a majority of the planning meetings and events

To be considered, youth should provide a ½ to 1-page double spaced personal introduction and explain why they are a qualified candidate for the team. We encourage youth to share 1-3 of their favorite photos he/she has taken. Deadline is February 20th. Email the document to Project Leaders, Rick and Lisa at: ratmrwm@gmail.com and pfannz4h@gmail.com.
Sportfishing

Sportfishing is starting up again. Mark your calendars for the below dates:

Meeting on February 17th, March 1st, March 17th, April 12th will be held in the EMR at 6pm
Meeting held on May 3rd and May 19th will be at Lake Shawnee starting at 6pm.

Livestock Corner

Dates to mark:

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The Shawnee County Beef Weigh In is February 13th from 1-3pm that the Gleason's Barn, 13600 SW 33rd. Topeka, KS 66614. County tags are $1.75 each and EDI tags are $3.50. Please bring exact change or a check to pay for tags. Remember that EID tags are needed to show at any Kansas State Shows; Kansas State Fair or Kansas Jr Livestock Show. We will see you then!
Kansas 4-H State Events and Activities

4-H and Vanier Scholarships Now LIVE!
Submitted by Wade M Weber

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Scholarship Applications are now open on the Kansas 4-H Scholarship Opportunities Webpage. All applications and corresponding requested materials must be submitted by March 1, 2022. If you have any questions about the scholarship application process, please contact Dona Ratliff at dsratlif@ksu.edu.

ONCE YOU REPLACE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS WITH POSITIVE ONES, YOU'LL START HAVING POSITIVE RESULTS.
-WILLIE NELSON
Foods Project Meeting Report

At our January Foods Project meeting, we had three 4-Her's participate in learning how to make homemade pizza. I helped welcome other 4-Her's as they entered the kitchen and I assisted the leader passing out the prepared sourdough. We had fun learning about sourdough, what par-baking is, selecting yummy toppings and our favorite was eating the pizza. The crust was so good! I got to meet 2 new friends: Kate and Brianna. In the picture is Kate, spreading out her pizza sauce on her pizza. Laura, the project leader is a great foods leader. She guides me to learn how to learn more about food and I always am learning something new from her every month. I can't wait until next month to learn another type of food to make. Join us for our next foods project meeting on Saturday, February 26.

Harley Brossard

Indian Creek 4-H Club

The Indian Creek 4-H club attended the January Jamboree and provided a craft station for everyone to enjoy. At our January meeting we planned our annual St. Valentines desert auction with the proceeds going to local charities. Our very own fair king Timothy Biggs attended the January Jamboree to encourage the 4-Hers and help with the event.

-Summitted by Daniel Biggs
Horse Club Report

Welcome to the new year! Horse Club is gearing up for another fun-filled year with many events and opportunities. Members are getting ready to compete in Horse Panorama at Rock Springs Ranch on January 28-30. This is a fun event with quiz bowl and hippology team contests as well as many other individual events. The club will also be gearing up for the upcoming clinic season with their first clinic happening February 6th at Domer Arena. Besides County Fair Horse Show, the club also puts on two Open Horses Shows and those are scheduled for June 11th & 12th and August 6th & 7th. If you’re looking for a fun-filled, affordable show to try out some new events or just get in more practice for State Fair, look into these events. Show bills will be coming soon, look for them to be posted on our Facebook page (Shawnee County Kansas 4H Horse Club). If you’re interested in joining Horse Club, email shawneecohorseclub@gmail.com to get more information.

-Summitted by Paige Chockley
February
3  4-H Exchange Meeting, Shawnee County Farm Bureau Building, 7pm
5  4-H Club Day, Shawnee Heights Middle School, 9-12:30pm
10 Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7pm
13 Beef Weigh In, 1-3pm, 13600 SW 33rd. Topeka, KS 66614
16 Livestock Committee Meeting, 7pm
17 Sportfishing Meeting, EMR 6pm
20 Photography Workshop Registration Due
20-21 Citizenship in Action
22 Fairboard Meeting, EMR, 7pm
24 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
26 Chatterbox Articles Due
28 Paw Print Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm

March
1  Kansas State 4-H Scholarships Due
3  4-H Exchange Meeting
7  Bunny Bunch Rabbit Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
10 STALK Jr. Leaders Meeting, 6pm
16 Livestock Committee Meeting, 7pm
17 Sportfishing Meeting, EMR, 6pm
19 YQCA Training, EMR, 2:30pm
22 Fairboard Meeting, EMR, 7pm
24 Horse club Meeting, EMR, 7pm
26 Chatterbox Articles Due
28 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm

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All dates and activities are subject to change.