A Word From Your Agent...

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a restful break and are recharged for the new year. We have a busy calendar coming up, and this is a great time of year to start working on fair projects!

Coming up in the next month we have 4-H Club Day. This is a great opportunity to brush up your public speaking skills and share your vocal, musical, or acting talents! Club Day will be Saturday, February 5th, at Shawnee Heights Middle School starting at 9:00 AM. Check page 3 of the Chatterbox, your emails, or the Shawnee County 4-H Facebook page for the links to sign up. We will also need some members from each club to sign up to help with concessions and to monitor rooms. Just a reminder, you MUST be enrolled on 4-H online in order to enter at Club Day. Please sign up by February 1st.

This year we are 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.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarships/

Here’s to 2022!

Grace

Barnyard Round Up

Haley has hidden an animal 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 the type of animal it is and where it is located will receive a special treat.

Hint: look at the calendar for animal related events.
January Foods Project Meeting

January 22 will be the date of our next Foods Project Meeting. We will be learning some basics of measuring, how to knead and roll dough and enjoying the product of our work: Homemade pizza! We will be meeting at the Maranatha Baptist Church kitchen on 49th and Burlingame from 9:30am to about 11am. Email Laura Krainbill at Laura.Krainbill@ks.gov to reserve your spot. I will send you an ingredient and supply list of things you need to bring the week before the event.

All ages are welcome!

Space is limited, so sign up early.

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

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
Club Day Sign Ups

Here are the sign-up links for Club Day. We’ll need a couple of people from each club to sign up for helping with concessions and to monitor rooms. If you have any questions please reach out to Grace (wiensg@ksu.edu) or Haley (kelley13@ksu.edu) at the office!

Gavel Games and Model Meeting: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-model2
Junior and Intermediate Project Talks: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-jrand2
Show and Share and Jr. Demonstrations: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-show2
Int. and Sr. Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-srand2
Sr. Public Speaking and Career Research Presentation: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-career2
Impromptu Speaking: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-impromptu2
Oral Interpretation: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-oral2
Electronic Presentations: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-electronic2
Historical Speeches: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-historical2
Instrument Solos and Ensembles: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-instrumental2
Dance and Acting: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-dance2
Vocal and Piano Solos: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-piano2
Skits and One Act Plays: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-skit2
Concessions: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-concession
Room Monitors: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849AAA82FAAFC1-room
Livestock Corner

Dates to mark:

- Feb 13th  Beef Weigh In
- March 19th  YQCA Training
- April 5th  YQCA Training
- April 24th  Bucket Calf, Goat, Sheep & Swine Weigh In
- May 7th  Shawnee County Spring Show

Jr. Producer Days  for Beef & Sheep

Jr. Producer Beef Day is 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

**Junior Beef Producer Day**
Date – Saturday, March 5
Registration Deadline – February 11
Cost - $15/person by February 11 ($20/person after February 11)
*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 11 to receive a t-shirt.
Online Registration - [https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND](https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND)

**Junior Sheep Producer Day**
Date – Saturday, March 19
Registration Deadline – February 25
Cost - $15/person by February 25 ($20/person after February 25)
*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 25 to receive a t-shirt.
Online Registration - [https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND](https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND)
Citizenship in Action 2022
Submitted by Aliah Mestrovich Seay

Youth have an opportunity to practice their leadership skills and learn how they can influence laws and rules that affect society at large. This two-day event is sponsored by Kansas 4-H Youth Development and the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the program is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

The current plan is a community conversation, including deliberating on tough conversations that matter and finding creative ways to attain common ground on Sunday afternoon (tentatively 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a banquet and keynote event in the evening).

On Monday the program will allow youth to see the capitol, meet with their representatives and senators, and have a more behind the scenes understanding of the legislative process.

Registration should open in early January and will be due Tuesday, February 1. Visit https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html for more information.

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.
Silver Lake 4-H Club

This month some of our 4-H members rang bells for the Salvation Army, see picture below.

Later this month our club will go to a care home in Silver Lake. We are going to sing Christmas carols and give them gift bags.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Weber
Silver Lake reporter

Riverside 4-H Club

The Riverside club members decorated and filled bags with goodies for the VA Hospital residents. A total of 75 bags were completed.

This was a fun service project and hope to continue giving again next year.
Foods Project Meeting

At our December Foods Project Meeting, we learned how to make quick, overnight yeast rolls. It was an easy recipe and a great way for beginner bakers to experience the thrill of yeast baking. With a little extra time and creativity on hand, we experimented with bread dough braids, made some bread “Snakes” and found out that bread dough is as much fun as play dough used to be! Join us for our next foods project meeting on Saturday, January 22.
Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

**January**

3  Office Closed

6  4-H Exchange Meeting, Shawnee County Farm Bureau Building, 7pm

8  January Jamboree, @ University United Methodist, 11:00am-4:00pm

13  STALK Jr Leader Meeting, EMR, 6pm

17  Office Closed

19  Livetsock Committee Meeting, EMR, 7pm

24  Paw Print Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm

25  Fairboard Meeting, EMR, 7pm

26  Chatterbox Articles Due

27  Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7pm

28-30 Horse Panorama @ Rock Springs 4-H Ranch

**February**

3  4-H Exchange Meeting, Shawnee County Farm Bureau Building, 7pm

5  4-H Club Day, Shawnee Heights Middle School, 9-12:30pm

8  4-H Exchange Meeting, Shawnee County Farm Bureau Building, 7pm

10  Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7pm

13  Beef Weigh In, 1-3pm

16  Livetsock Committee Meeting, EMR, 7pm

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 1st- State Scholarships Deadline

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All dates and activities are subject to change.