













JULY 2024



Highlights:

-  **July 1: County Fair Entries CLOSE, 5 PM**
-  July 2: Superintendents Meeting
-  July 4: Office Closed- Independence Day
-  **July 19: Fair Clothing Judging**
-  **July 21: Fair Horse Show and Fair Photography Judging**
-  **July 25-28: Shawnee County Fair**

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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- **July 1: FairEntry CLOSES**
- **July 2: Superintendents Meeting**
- **July 4: Office Closed- Independence Day**
- **July 19: Shawnee County Fair activities begin!**
- **July 21: Shawnee County Fair Horse Show**
- **July 25-28: Shawnee County Fair**

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by July 30

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A Word From Your Agent...

2024 Shawnee County Fair: Get Carried Away at the Shawnee County Fair!

With the county fair this month here are a few tips to help you have a great fair experience:

- Keep cool and have fun! Fair can be a stressful time for everyone. Try and remember the reason for exhibiting at the County Fair: to support the knowledge gained by youth in their project that year. No matter the color of the ribbon received we want to celebrate how much they have learned!
- Know when exhibit check-in and judging times are. Times and places do change from year to year so double check the fair book schedule! All of the exhibits this year will be in the Expo Center or Domer Arena.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions! If you have a question about an exhibit, ask your division superintendent or the Extension Staff. On Thursday and Friday there will be someone at the information table in Expo to help you.
- When in doubt, read your fair book. The county fair book is a great place to start when you need to know division rules or what materials you need to bring for your exhibit.
- The County Fair is a great time to enter your State Fair exhibits! There will be forms at the info table in Expo. State Fair entries are due August 9th for everything except livestock and horse. Youth 9 and older can enter for the state fair and many of the exhibits can be transported by the Extension office. We take a minivan so we cannot take projects that are larger than a geology box.
- Please make sure you or someone you know is picking up your fair entries on Sunday, July 28th at 5:30pm or immediately following the Fashion Revue. All exhibits need to be removed from the fair between the end of Fashion Revue and 6:30pm. If you pick up exhibits for another youth, please communicate with that family you are doing so before you leave the fair. No exhibits can be picked up before the conclusion of the Fashion Revue.
- Once again this year we will be loading the fair semi-trailers after the fair on Sunday. Please plan to stay around the fair for a little while to help us put the fair away.

Thank you in advance to all the volunteers that help make the Shawnee County Fair possible. We look forward to seeing you July 19th for the Horse Show and July 25th-28th at the Shawnee County Fair!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 24th!

We are going to be unloading the fair trailers and setting up the expo center and the barns from 12:00-4:00 pm on Wednesday the 24th. This is a great way for 4-Hers to get community service hours for their record books, and it helps ensure that the building is ready for superintendents to come in at 4:00 to set up their project areas. Anyone is welcome to come for the afternoon, or to stop by for an hour and help!

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Livestock Corner

IMPORTANT: Update to County Fair Livestock Sale

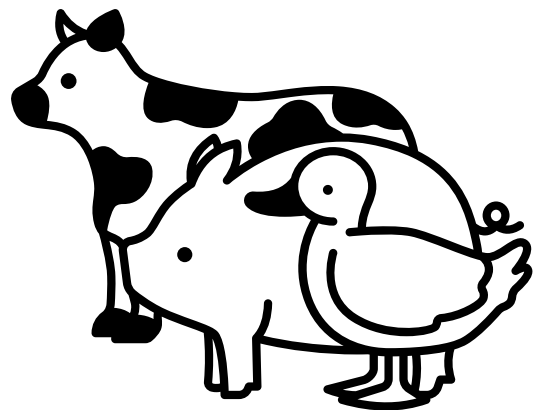
The Shawnee County Fair Board has recently voted to change the format for the Premium Auction at the County Fair. 4-Hers will now be able to select from two sales plans when they complete their "Intent to Sell" form:

- Plan 1: Premium + Market Price. This means the 4-Her will auction the animal for a premium price, then the animal will be sold to a buyer at market price to be butchered. Market price animals will be loaded onto a trailer at the end of the fair to be taken to the locker of the buyer's choice. 4-Her will receive both the premium and the market price for the sale of this animal.
- Plan 2: Premium Only: The 4-Her will auction the animal for a premium price, and the animal will not be offered to a market buyer. The 4-Her will then take the animal home, and will be able to continue to show the animal at state shows if they desire. 4-Her will only receive a premium payment, but will get to keep the animal.

Intent to Sell forms will be due 30 minutes following the Beef show at the fair. You will identify the animal and the sales plan you would like to follow at that time, and buyers will be informed in the sale program and by the auctioneer.

Send your YQCA certificates to
Grace or Lisa!

Buyers forms for the
sale are due July 1st!



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County Notes

From the Visual Arts Superintendents

Ceramic Classes Available this Summer!

Info from:

VISUAL ARTS SUPERINTENDENTS: Jenny & Gwen VanLeeuwen

Jr. SUPERINTENDENTS: Charlee Sharp, Kate Sloyer, Abigale Capes

Fire Me Up Ceramics

1000 N Kansas Ave, Topeka, KS 66608

785-766-4667

Handbuilding Workshop - Pets & Planters - \$160

Thursdays 6-8pm, 4-weeks long- June 6, 13, 20, and 27

Personalize your pet bowls and planters!

2-hour workshop sessions on 4 Thursdays to create bowls for furry friends and containers for special plants. Learn different styles of decoration and work with clay to make your mark. Make as many pieces as you can. Plus, you have studio access to work outside of class and make more pieces. This workshop is intended to learn clay handbuilding and decorative skills. This is a great workshop for all ages! All instruction, tools, clay, glaze, and firing are included! Items will be available for pickup 2-weeks after the workshop ends.

Take Home Clay Kits - \$40

Finished pieces are fired in the kiln, glazed with clear then fired a final time to finish the work. All finished work fired at Fire Me Up Ceramics & Fine Art Studios will be food safe, dishwasher safe, microwaveable and oven safe. See our website for more information and how to refill your kits.

Learn more at firemeupceramics.com

The Mud Room

1047 Southwest Gage Blvd, Topeka, KS 66604

785-430-5155

Youth Intro To Ceramics (3-Week) Mon & Wed, Ages 10-17 - \$225.00

This fun and creative 3-Week class is for youth Ages 10-17. Students will explore different hand-building techniques and be introduced to the skills necessary to create a pot on the wheel. Class will be held twice a week for 3 weeks.

Monday and Wednesday from 10AM- 12PM.

Ready-to-Paint ceramic pieces are also available in studio for ages 5+. No appointment necessary.

www.themudroom.studio

Potwin Pottery Painting

Fairlawn Plaza Shopping Center

785-228-5700

Ready-to-paint ceramic pieces that can be entered under General Crafts at the Fair! A fun summer activity with family and friends!

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Ag Partners Coop's "Back to School BBQ and Ag Career Expo

From Ag Partners Coop:

"Our goal for this event is to showcase the agriculture opportunities available to students right in their back door! This will be a casual evening for students to enjoy with their parents to see and touch equipment, hear testimonials from our employees, learn about the benefits and opportunities Ag Partners has to offer, enjoy a BBQ meal, games, and receive a free t-shirt!

We are inviting all area FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in our Ag Partner's territory to attend one of our 3 centralized events." Check the flyers below for more details!

- **Belvue Ag Partners Location: Tuesday, August 20, 2024**
- **Seneca Knights of Columbus: Wednesday, August 21, 2024**
- **Hiawatha Ag Partners Location: Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

Back To School

FFA & 4H

Career Expo & BBQ

FFA & 4H STUDENTS & PARENTS


Join Ag Partners & area FFA & 4H students & parents for an informative evening BBQ and career expo to kick-off the 2025 school year! Are you curious about careers in the ag industry or want to learn more about possible opportunities you may be able to take advantage of this school year (job shadows, scholarships, apprenticeships)? You won't want to miss hearing about these opportunities right in your back door!

BELVUE - AG PARTNERS SHOP BUILDING

TUESDAY August 20, 2024	5:30 - 7:30 pm <small>STARTS AT 5:30 DINNER SERVED 6:00 - 7:30</small>
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305 NOBLE AVE BELVUE, KS 66407

- T-SHIRT FOR STUDENTS
- DINNER & DOOR PRIZE DRAWING
- EQUIPMENT "SEE & TOUCH"
- CAREER TESTIMONIALS FROM AG PARTNER EMPLOYEES
- AG PARTNERS CAREER & BENEFITS PRESENTATION



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SENECA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WEDNESDAY August 21, 2024	5:30 - 7:30 pm <small>STARTS AT 5:30 DINNER SERVED 6:00 - 7:30</small>
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211 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRIVE SENECA, KS 66538

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HIAWATHA - AG PARTNERS LOCATION

WEDNESDAY September 4, 2024	5:30 - 7:30 pm <small>STARTS AT 5:30 DINNER SERVED 6:00 - 7:30</small>
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801 SOUTH 12TH STREET HIAWATHA, KS 66434

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Fair Notes

Clothing Project Fair Prizes



Sewing & Textile Design (Construction)
 Drawing Prizes:

- Sewing Machine- New
- \$50.00 JoAnn Gift Card
- Steamer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Ott Light

Shopping in Style (Buymanship)/Fashion Revue
 Drawing Prizes:

- \$100.00 Visa Gift Card
- \$50.00 Visa Gift Card
- Wally Garment Bag
- Mending Kit
- Steamer



4-Hers enrolled in Sewing & Textile Design or Shopping in Style can be entered for each item brought to the County Fair. Sponsored by the Marilyn Dudley Memorial. Contact Karen Perkuhn for more information

Correction to Clothing & Fashion Revue Judging Times

The schedule has two times printed for Fashion Revue, Sewing and Textile Design, and Shopping in Style. The correct times are as follows:

Fashion Revue: Check-In will begin at 9:00, Judging of Sewing & Textiles will begin at 9:15, Judging of Dressy Shopping will begin at 10:00 am, Casual Shopping will begin at 11:00 am

Sewing & Textiles: Follow the time listed in the "judging of exhibits" rules on page 12 of the fair book. It will be from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Shopping in Style: Judging will take place from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Horticulture Judging Contest at the Fair

Hello all! We will have one more Horticulture Judging Contest Practice before the fair in the month of July. It'll be in the Extension Office upstairs meeting room on July 16th from 2-4. This practice will focus on quality judging and seed identification, as well as an overview of the Shawnee County Horticulture Judging Contest. You don't have to be a member of the horticulture project to participate, you just must be a registered 4-Her and open to learning more about plants!

There has been an update to the county contest this year. It WILL NOT be at Lowman United Methodist this year at the same time as the Fashion Revue judging. Instead, we will be at the Shawnee County Fair itself on Friday, July 26th from 2:00-4:30, which happens to be the same time as the Horticulture project judging at the fair. Come on over and run through the contest while you wait for your fruits! Again, if you are expecting to see us at Lowman for the contest, we will not be there!

Results of the judging contest placements and the State Horticulture Judging Team will be announced on Sunday after the announcement of 4-H King and Queen winners. See you there and best of luck!

-Lane Wiens

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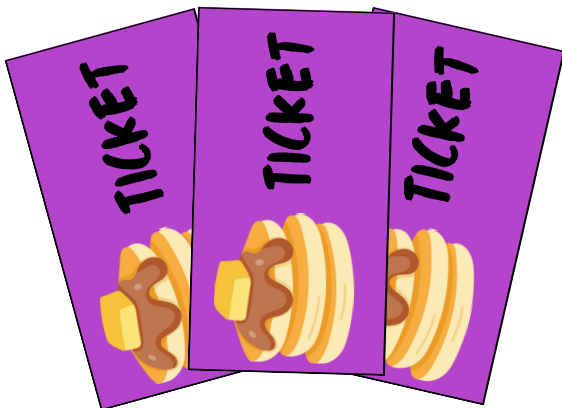
Fair Notes

Fair T-Shirts

The Events Council and Sunday Funday committee are happy to announce that there will be free fair T-Shirts for all youth who preorder one at the Shawnee County Fair. The shirt will feature the fair book cover art with our theme, *Get Carried Away at The Shawnee County Fair!*

To receive a shirt 4-H'ers must order through the link below by **July 5, 2024**. Shirts are only for enrolled Shawnee County 4-H'ers.

Link: <https://forms.gle/cJGrXqxb9u2cE1Nr6>



**Remember to turn in your
Pancake Feed money and
unsold tickets to the office
by July 19th at 5 pm!**

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State 4-H News



PLAN TO JOIN US!

KANSAS 4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024
K-STATE CAMPUS - MANHATTAN, KS

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Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

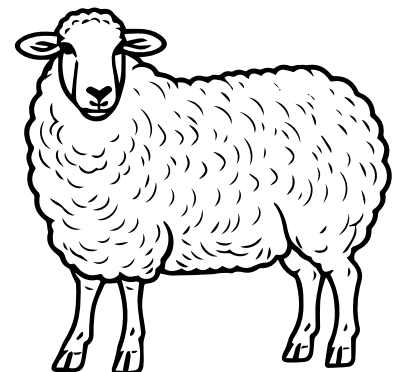
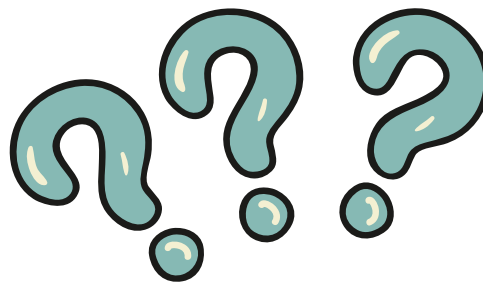
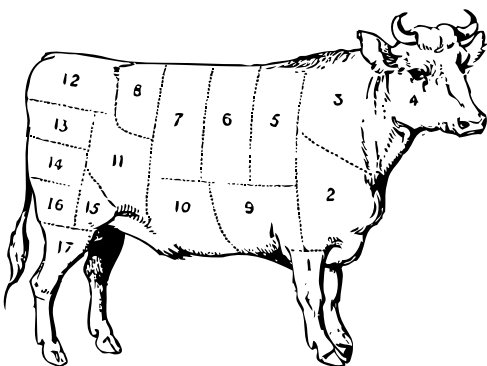
The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Saturday, August 10, 2024 in Manhattan.

The objective of 4-H Horticulture Judging is for members grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments, through plant identification, knowledge testing and judging classes

Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/4bH4L9T>

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

The 2024 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is scheduled for August 17-18 on the K-State campus in Manhattan, KS. The Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. **The deadline to enter will be August 1.** *Interested youth need to contact the office.*



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State 4-H News

Reminder: Presentations Are Eligible for State Fair!

Did you know you can take your presentations from Club Day to the Kansas State Fair? Please remember that purple ribbons or top blue ribbons of those age 9 and older (before January 1) can take their project talks, demonstrations and illustrated talks to the Kansas State Fair. Poetry entries can also be entered as non-competitive presentations.

There are some great resources for project talks, illustrated talks, demonstrations, and public speaking on the 4-H Communications Project Page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/leadership-personal-development/communications.html>

2024 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

Join us for the 2024 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Monday, August 12th in Pottorf Hall at Cico Park in Manhattan, KS. We are excited to provide a fun, educational and hands-on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/plant science projects to participate.

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available. Everyone will participate in the same tour with the group splitting into two equal groups, with each group then flipping to the other tour after about one hour. This year's tours include the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center and the Hal Ross Flour Mill. The Kansas Wheat Innovation Center is a facility at Kansas State University where scientists create new varieties of wheat that will have greater yields and/or quality. It has research laboratories where different traits are selected to create new wheat varieties and greenhouses where new varieties are grown and tested for yield and quality. The Hal Ross Flour Mill is a facility at Kansas State University where wheat is brought in and made into flour. The mill is used to teach students and wheat industry workers about the process of making flour from wheat and is used to perform research on ways to improve the flour milling process.

Eight contests are open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Classes include: (1) 1 lb. bin run for crops members; or (2) 1 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer"; (All wheat samples must be postmarked to KSU by July 20 so testing can be completed). Youth may bring multiple exhibits in Divisions 3-9. A maximum of two placings per individual in each division, 1-8 will be awarded. (3) 1-quart jar sample of cleaned wheat; (4) three standard yeast rolls; (5) three standard-sized cookies; (6) three standard muffins; (7) wheat photography contest; (8) wheat educational posters and (9) Cloverbuds, (5-6-year-olds) with participation ribbons.

The cost will be \$10 per person and registration will be open online through visiting <https://bit.ly/3Wrq7Uh>. Registration will go live on June 1st. Pre-registration will be required by July 25th, 11:59 p.m. to ensure an accurate meal count and for tour divisions. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat expo planning committee, contact Kelsey Nordyke at (620) 222-1311 or e-mail; klndyke@ksu.edu.

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Club Chatter

Auburn

The Auburn 4-H Club had its first Quarterly Meeting Activity before our June meeting. We learned how to decorate cookies with Royal icing. We were able to decorate stars, flowers and tie dye circle cookies. It was a lot of fun. During our monthly meeting, Miles from the Indian Creek club came to share information on Robotics and Coding. We reviewed our Purple Seal Goals. We had several presentations from our club members on Geology, photography and how to saddle a horse. We discussed opening up officer nominations for the next club year. We had fun singing the Moose Song and playing the Knot game. We are all looking forward to our July meeting as it will be our pool party!



Indian Creek



This month's June meeting was held at the Shawnee State Fishing lake. Our club had a great time fishing and eating food that our members brought to our pot luck along with some s'mores.

Riverside

Members of the Riverside Club met on June 2nd to clean up the 4-H designated area of Landon Trail. Club members spent time walking the trail and picking up trash. After the clean up the 4-Hers enjoyed cold drinks, snacks and popsicles.

-Grayson Kuckelman, Reporter- Riverside 4-H



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

July 2024

1 Fair Entries CLOSE at 5 pm

Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, Conference Room, 7 pm

2 Superintendents Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

4 Office Closed- Independence Day

9 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm

16 Horticulture Judging Practice, EMR, 2 pm
Geology, TSCPL, 7 pm

17 Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:15 pm

19 Fair Clothing Judging, Lowman Methodist Church, 9 am

21 Shawnee County Fair Horse Show, Domer Arena, 9 am

Fair Photography Judging, Maner Conference Center, 1:30 pm

22 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

23 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

25-28 Shawnee County Fair, Stormont Vail Events Center

30 Chatterbox Submissions Due



August 2024

1 Shooting Sports: Rifle II, EMR, 6:30 pm
4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm

3-4 4-H Open Horse Show, Domer Arena

5 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

8 4-H Events Council, EMR, 7 pm

9 State Fair Entry Forms Due to Office

10 State 4-H Horticulture Judging, Manhattan

12 Kansas 4-H/FFA Wheat Expo, Manhattan

17-18 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan

21 4-H Horse Clinic, Domer Arena

Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:15 pm

22 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

26 Chatterbox Submissions Due

Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

25 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

31 Kansas State Fair Dog Show, Hutchinson, 9 am

September 2 Office Closed- Labor Day

September 6-15 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

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All dates and activities are subject to change.