













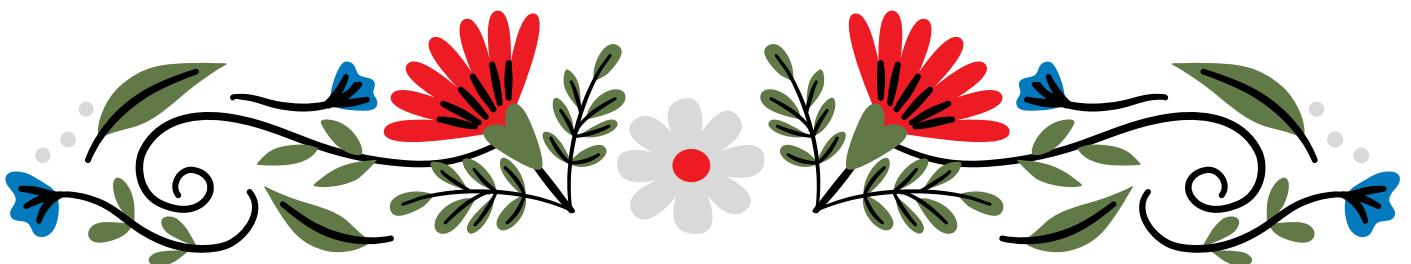
JUNE 2024

Highlights:

-  **June 1: County Fair Entries OPEN**
-  June 5-7: Discovery Days, Manhattan
-  June 13: Events Council Meeting
-  June 14-16: State Geology Field Trip
-  June 19: Office Closed- Juneteenth
-  **July 1: County Fair Entries CLOSE, 5 PM**

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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- **June 1: FairEntry is OPEN**
- **June 5-7: Discovery Days, Manhattan**
- **June 13: Events Council Meeting**
- **June 19: Office Closed- Juneteenth**
- **July 1: FairEntry CLOSES**
- **July 2: Superintendents Meeting**
- **July 4: Office Closed- Independence Day**

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by June 26

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A Word From Your Agent...

Hello 4-H Families!

Summer is in full swing and FairEntry is open! You can find the entry site at shawneeks.fairentry.com. Keep an eye out for an email from 4-H Online with the FairEntry User Guide and the fair book attached!

Entries are due by 5:00 pm on July 1st. We will not take any late entries, so it is vital that you do not miss this deadline. Do not wait until last minute to start your entries. We are happy to help in the office if you run into any issues with your entries, so feel free to call, email, or stop by! Please make sure you look over the rules for each project you enter as there are some new classes this year and some existing classes have had rule changes.

Lots of good reminders in this issue of the chatterbox, please look at the calendar in the back to make sure you are not missing out on anything.

Have a Safe and Fun 4-H Summer!

~Grace



We have a new face around the office! Jill Foster is joining us as the 4-H Program Assistant. She will primarily be managing the school enrichment programs, but you will see her around at our larger county events as well. Welcome to the office, Jill!

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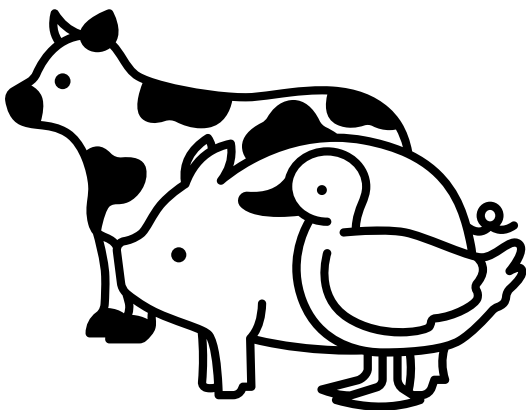
Livestock Corner

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.



IMPORTANT!

4-H Online Animal Update

ALL species of animals are now able to register animals in 4-H Online. As you know, when you add animal entries to FairEntry, you then have to create an animal before completing the entry. Listing them in 4-H Online will allow us to sync the two systems and give you a list of existing animals to choose from in FairEntry when it comes time to enter fair exhibits. This is not required for 2024, but we would encourage you to give it a try and let us know what you think of the process. The guide to adding animals can be found here:

https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/2024docs/Entering%20Animal%20Information_Families.pdf, or on our website under the current events column!



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County Notes

Clothing Modeling Workshop

All youth enrolled in the clothing projects are invited to a Modeling Workshop on June 29th! This includes a special workshop styled for the boys!

The application is on our Flyers page: <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/up-coming-events/flyers/index.html>

-Event sponsored by the Marilyn Dudley Memorial- Questions: Call Karen Perkuhn at 785-221-8752.



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

Horticulture Judging Contest Practices

Hello, 4-Her's, families, and volunteers! My name is Lane Wiens and I'm the Horticulture Agent at the Extension Office. Like I did last year, I will be holding horticulture judging practices again this summer in preparation for the local and state judging contests. The dates for practices are June 13th, June 27th, and July 16th from 2:00-4:00 pm and will focus on plant identification, quality judging, and general horticulture knowledge. The practice on June 13th will be held at Ward-Meade Historical Site. We will plan to meet at the west entrance, near the entrance to the Old Prairie Town. The other two practices will be held in the upstairs meeting room of the Extension Office. You don't have to be a member of the horticulture project to participate, you just have to be a registered 4-Her and open to learning more about plants!



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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, Abigail 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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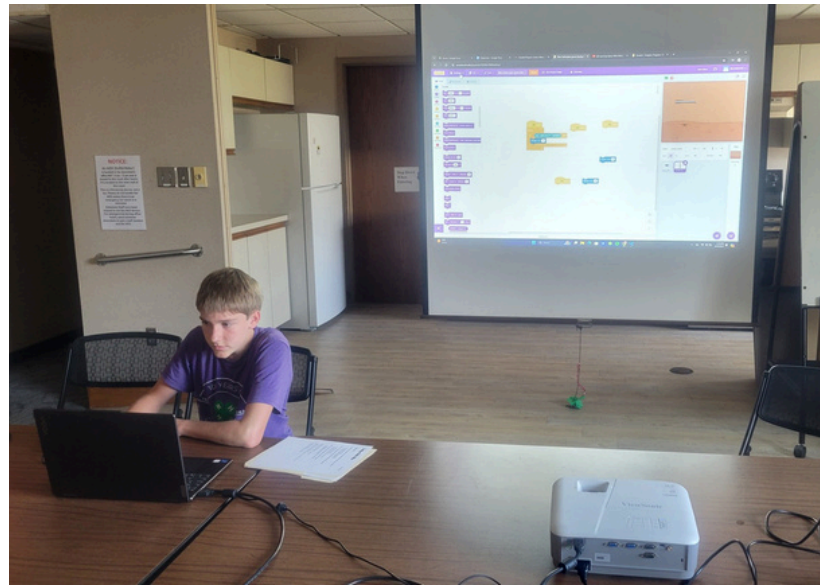
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Coding with Miles

Join the fun and learn fundamentals of coding!

Miles Burgess, Indian Creek 4-H Club, is leading a computer & robotics coding activity on June 7th and 12th from 6pm – 8pm at the Shawnee County Extension Office. In this free activity we will cover basic coding fundamentals, how they are used, and do a fun activity at the end. This class is for everyone even if they have never coded before. 4-Hers can come to one or both days. This activity is a good way to get into Space Tech/Robotics. If you have any questions, you can contact Miles at milesburgess@gmail.com.



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>



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YOUNG INNOVATORS MARKET CONTEST GRADES 7th - 12th

Do you have a small business with a product to sell? Food, Jewelry, Art, etc. We want to see it all! There will be prizes for best booths and you get to keep your sales.

CONTEST:

July 12th at Everyy Plaza starting at 6 pm.

Registration due by July 1st.



There will be a learning session prior to the contest. All youth 7th-12th grade (2024-2025 school year) are encouraged to participate!

THE CONTEST WILL HAVE CASH PRIZES!*

1st place \$1,000 prize
2nd place \$800 prize
3rd place \$600 prize

* Prizes sponsored by Shawnee Startups and Go Topeka!

LEARNING SESSIONS:

The learning sessions are optional but opportunities for you to learn about creating a market booth, pricing and strategies to engage with customers.

June 26th for Food Businesses and June 27th for non-food businesses. They will be from 5:30pm-7:00pm at the Shawnee County Extension Office 1740 SW Western Ave, Topeka, KS.

RULES:

- Youth must be residents or attending school in Shawnee County.
- Youth must be in 7th-12th grade.
- All products being sold must be listed in the application and must be approved prior to the contest by the contest organizers.

You can register online at :

<https://forms.gle/1YfeGZ6jiHGLptey6>

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State 4-H News

Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

Registration for 4-H Camp at Rock Springs is now OPEN! If you are interested in camp at Rock Springs this year, we will have \$100 scholarships again! This year, you will be able to use a coupon code at the time of registration. Our code is **SNCO24**. This is limited to enrolled Shawnee County 4-Hers, so if you sign up for camp before enrolling you will have a week to enroll or you will be sent a bill for the scholarship amount.

<https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>



Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

"Save the Date" for the State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest, Saturday, August 10, 2024. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/4bH4L9T>



PLAN TO JOIN US!

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



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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; knordyke@ksu.edu.

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Club Chatter

Auburn

The Auburn 4 H club had a fun May meeting. For our pre meeting activity we painted rocks. We received our Club T-Shirts. We loved that Cooper was able to model it for us! We talked about the upcoming fair, nominated princes and princesses and talked about doing a hay bale for the fair. We learned the theme for the fair was Floating into the Fair. Cooper gave a presentation on making brown butter and then he shared some yummy cookies that he made using brown butter. Maya led us in Simon Says and Cooper had us make a leaning tower of pizza with shoes. We had fun playing the games.

Indian Creek

During our May meeting we had project talks and took apart poles for community service.



Silver Lake

May 4th- some of our 4-H members participated in the Shawnee County Spring Livestock Show. There was a little bit of everything there: swine, heifers, steers, bucket calves, & goats. Everyone did a fantastic job showing their animals & representing our club.

Submitted by: Tyler Thomas



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Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers 4-H Club members have been busy this spring. During the May meeting, the club honored senior Keera Lacock. The club enjoyed a dinner and scholarship recognition. Club members also worked with community volunteers to put flags at the Rossville Cemetery to honor those fallen veterans.



Riverside



During the monthly meeting of the Riverside 4-H club we did our senior recognition and awarded a scholarship to our only Senior - Jacob Lehmann (12 year member of Riverside). Jacob graduated from Shawnee Heights High School and will be attending Hutchinson Community College in the fall to study Farm and Ranch Management. When asked what 4-H has taught you- Jacob responded with the following: "I've learned many life skills throughout my time in 4-H that will benefit me for years to come. It's also taught me that some of the best friendships can come from people you interact with at a fair, meet at a 4-H event or just from your own club and those are some of the best friendships you can find."

Congratulations Jacob and good luck with your continued studies at HCC!

Reporter - Grayson Kuckelman

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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

June 2024

1 Fair Entries OPEN

- 1-2 4-H Open Horse Show, Domer Arena
- 3 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 4 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm
- 6 Shooting Sports: Rifle II, EMR, 6:30 pm
 - 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 7 Coding with Miles, EMR, 6 pm
- 10-14 & 17 Tractor Safety, virtual sessions
- 12 4-H Horse Clinic, Domer Arena
 - Coding with Miles, EMR, 6 pm
- 13 Horticulture Judging Practice, Ward Meade, 2 pm
 - 4-H Events Council, EMR, 7 pm
- 18 Tractor Safety Testing Day, Topeka Heritage Tractor
 - Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm
 - Geology, EMR, 7 pm
 - Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 19 Office Closed- Juneteenth**
- 22 King & Queen Interviews, EMR, 8 am
- 24 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 25 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Chatterbox Submissions Due
- 27 Horticulture Judging Practice, EMR, 2 pm
 - Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

July 1 Fair Entries CLOSE at 5 pm

July 2024

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- Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, TBD, 7 pm
- 2 Superintendents Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 4 Office Closed- Independence Day**
- 6 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm
- 16 Horticulture Judging Practice, EMR, 2 pm
 - Geology, EMR, 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
- 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 12 State Fair Entry Form Due to Office

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All dates and activities are subject to change.