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Highlights:

-  October 1: New 4-H Year
-  October 6-12: National 4-H Week
-  October 12-13: 48 Hours of 4-H
-  October 27: Officer Training
-  November 9: Achievement Night

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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- October 1: beginning of 4-H year, ENROLLMENT OPENS
- October 6-12: National 4-H Week
- October 12-13: 48 Hours of 4-H
- October 19-20: State Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl
- October 27: Officer Training
- November 9: Achievement Night
- November 14: New Family Zoom

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by October 26

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A Word From Your Agent...

Happy 4-H New Year! I hope that your 4-H year has started off well and that you are enrolled. We will send the Chatterbox out to everyone through November and then will switch over to the 2024-2025 mailing list, so be sure to enroll soon so you don't miss anything!

As you enroll, be aware that the names of some of the projects are different than what we use for county fair divisions. The division with the most significant difference is Construction Zone. In 4-H Online, it is listed as Building Block Engineering: Construction Zone, so if you want to take Legos to the fair, be sure to select that one!

You will want to mark you calendars for Achievement Night on November 9th and Officer Leader Training on October 27th. Achievement Night postcards with more details will be going in the mail soon, so keep an eye out! If you plan to attend Officer Leader Training, please complete the linked registration on Page 4 by October 23rd!



Shawnee County GroupMe

Interested in text updates about Shawnee County 4-H activities? Sign up for our new GroupMe:

https://groupme.com/join_group/102815469/5JDLS55L

Requests to join are subject to approval, and we will only accept enrolled members and their parents/guardians as listed in 4-H Online.

Ambassador Information

4-Hers who are program age 12 or older and who have been in 4-H for at least 3 years are encouraged to join the group! For email updates, please sign up for the official Ambassador's email list here:


<https://forms.gle/4yTw5tZoGNtzRwwGA>

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Livestock Corner

Change Made to Shawnee County Livestock Sale Requirements



On September 24, 2024, the Shawnee County Fair Board voted to amend the requirements for participation in the Shawnee County Fair Livestock Sale. In addition to completing YQCA training, completing buyer forms, making minimum sale weights, and meeting withdrawal deadlines, the Livestock Committee will be hosting 3 educational meetings for 4-H & FFA youth. Youth are required to attend at least 2 of these meetings. There will be make-up opportunities available in case a youth is not able to attend in person. 2 of the meetings will be held at tagging and weigh-in dates. The intent to sell deadline will also be implemented again this year. 4-H and FFA members who plan to sell an animal through the premium auction must have their information in the intent to sell book by 30 minutes after the conclusion of the beef show.

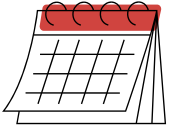
If you have any questions, please reach out to the office!



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County Notes



Mark Your Calendars!

National 4-H Week: October 6-12, Show your 4-H spirit all week long!
 48 Hours of 4-H: October 12-13
 Achievement Night: November 9th, Berryton United Methodist Church
 New Family Zoom: November 14th, Zoom

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK 

4-H PROUD, 4-H GROWN!

OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

Sunday	Selfie Sunday	
Monday	Monday Motivation	
Tuesday	Tuesday Trivia	
Wednesday	4-H Spirit Day!	
Thursday	Throwback Thursday	
Friday	Friday Night Lights	
Saturday	Saturday Service- #484H	

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48 Hours of 4-H

A weekend of service. A lifetime of impact.

Club leaders, if your club is participating in 48 Hours of 4-H we want to know! This is a great opportunity for club reporters to submit an article for the Chatterbox!

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Officer Training

Calling All Officers!

We will be hosting an officer training for all 4-Hers wishing to learn about their new elected offices or about being an officer. Officer Training will be Sunday, October 27 at the National Guard Museum from 2-4 pm. Snacks, drinks and educational opportunities will be provided!

Sign up here by October 23rd: <https://forms.gle/eUrfa6hJJfMkKkNq5>

We look forward to seeing you there!



YOU'RE INVITED!

TO OFFICER TRAINING

OCTOBER 27, 2024

**2-4 PM AT THE KANSAS NATIONAL
GUARD MUSEUM**

- **4-H BINGO**
- **BREAKOUT SESSIONS TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR OFFICE**
- **SNACKS**
- **4-H JEOPARDY**
- **MOCK MEETING**
- **ADJOURNED!**

*Join
US!*

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Community Page

From the Fair Board

The Shawnee County Fairboard welcomes new members to join them in the planning and running of the 2025 Shawnee County Fair! Our county fair is put on by this volunteer group and they need more help to execute this community event. The Fairboard has exciting plans for the future of the Shawnee County Fair but can't do it without active members. If you have any questions, you can e-mail shawneecofairboard@gmail.com. You can also attend the next meeting on October 22nd at 7pm at the Extension office in the upstairs meeting room. The address for the Extension office is 1740 SW Western Ave, Topeka, 66604.

Shawnee County Youth Pitch Contest



A contest for Entrepreneurs in 7th-12th grade to learn how to explain and sell an idea to others!

There will be two learning sessions prior to the contest. All youth 7th-12th grade (2024-2025 school year) are encouraged to participate! No pitch experience necessary!

Learning Sessions:
 The learning sessions are optional but opportunities for you to learn what a business pitch is and get help crafting a pitch for the contest.

October 24th and November 7th at The Shawnee County Extension Office 6-7:30pm

Contest:
 November 14th at Omni Circle starting at 6pm.

- Rules:**
- Youth must be residents or attending school in Shawnee County
 - Youth must be in 7th-12th grade
 - Pitches can be no longer than 5 minutes long for the contest

The Contest will have Cash Prizes!*

- 1st place \$1000 prize
- 2nd place \$750 prize
- 3rd place \$500 prize
- 4th place \$250 prize

* Prizes sponsored by Go Topeka

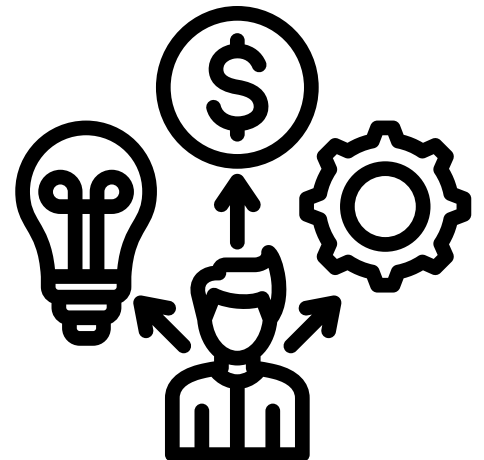
Registration due by Oct. 15th

You can register online at <https://forms.gle/UxvsAfjKbo5W5RK4A>

Or by calling the Shawnee County Extension office at 765-232-0062



Contact Candis for more information!





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State Judging Events

Congratulations

Kansas State Fair 4-H Photography Judging

- Intermediate Team: 14th place
 - Ella Atwood, Geoffrey Edwards, Rachel Garmon, Zacari Swanson
- Senior Team: 4th place
 - Miles Burgess (6th place), Elvira High, Willa Swanson, Alyssa Staniec

Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops Judging

- Intermediate Team: 4th place
 - Holden Wolf (5th place), Tyler Thomas (9th place), Clint Wolf, Macy Nolte
- Senior Team: 4th place
 - Kaiden Thomas (6th place), Chance Nolte, Daniel Biggs



Shawnee County 2024 Crops Teams with Coach John Kabus

Kansas State Fair Agricultural Challenge of Champions

- Shawnee County Representative: Daniel Biggs



Kansas State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue

- Shawnee County Representatives
 - Sewing & Textile Design- age 14-18
 - Cameron Thompson, Ava Gustin
 - Shopping in Style- age 14-18
 - Amelia Foster, Chloe Clayton
 - Shopping in Style- age 10-13
 - Savannah Miller

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State Events

Dog Conference

- October 19 & 20, Rock Springs Ranch
- Registration Deadline: October 1



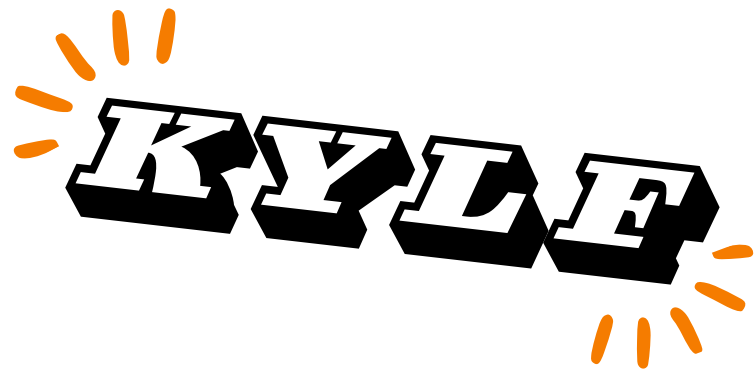
Kansas 4-H Dog project members, their dogs, and families will convene at Rock Springs Ranch for a weekend of learning, fellowship, and fun at the 4-H Dog Conference. This year's theme of "Pupkin Spice Latte" will be a great fall treat to kick off the new 4-H year in the dog project.

Conference sessions will include topics on dog care, training, and showing. Contests will include photography, quiz bowl, and presentations.

Complete details are at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html>

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

- November 23 & 24, Rock Springs Ranch
- Registration Deadline: October 15



KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2025. It will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2025 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

Objectives:

- Broaden your understanding of the meaning of leadership and the qualities of a leader.
- Practice leadership skills you can use in other situations, like your local club, school and community.
- Improve interpersonal communication skills.
- Gain confidence.

More information is available at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>

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Club Chatter

Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers 4-H Club concluded the 4-H year with fall planning and the Installation of New Officers. The club plans to participate in a 48 Hours of 4-H project at the Ronald McDonald House, have fun at the Pumpkin Patch, and help at Officer Leader Training. The club is looking forward to the new 4-H year.

Cameron Thompson, Club Reporter



Silver Lake

In September, the Silver Lake 4-H Club met and the club did the meeting a little different. The President had a different person draw a piece paper from a hat to decide what part of the meeting our club did first and so on. Our club heard a project talk about how to fit a heifer for a show. After the meeting, we had a Fall activity with a hayrack ride around Silver Lake.

Submitted by Tyler Thomas



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

October 2024

1 4-H Enrollment OPENS!

Dog Conference Registration Deadline

6-12 National 4-H Week

7 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

10 4-H Events Council, EMR, 7 pm

12-13 48 Hours of 4-H

15 KYLF Registration Deadline

16 Livestock Committee Meeting,

Conference Room, 7:15 pm

19-20 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl

22 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

24 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

26 Chatterbox Submissions Due

27 Officer Training, Kansas National Guard Museum, 2-4 pm

28 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

November 2024

2 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

7 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm

8 Extension Office Closed-Staff Working Remotely

9 Achievement Night, Berryton United Methodist Church

11 Office Closed- Veteran's Day

14 New 4-H Family Zoom

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

25 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

26 Chatterbox Submissions Due

Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

28-29 Office Closed- Thanksgiving Horse Club TBD

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All dates and activities are subject to change.