










SEPTEMBER 2024

Highlights:

-  September 2: Office Closed- Labor Day
-  September 6-15: Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
-  September 27: Record Books Due to Office by 5 pm
-  September 30: End of 4-H Year

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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- September 2: OFFICE CLOSED- Labor Day
- September 3-4: State Fair Entry Drop- off
- September 6-15: Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- September 27: Record Books Due to office-5 PM
- September 30: end of 4-H year
- October 1: beginning of 4-H year, ENROLLMENT OPENS

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by September 26

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A Word From Your Agent...

September in 4-H is all about the Kansas State Fair and record books! 4-H exhibits will be judged in Hutchinson starting the 5th, before the State Fair opens to the public. We have the entry cards to attach to the exhibits and the State Fair tickets every exhibitor receives here at the office for you. Good luck to all of our youth who are exhibiting!

Record books and achievement pin applications are due to the office by September 27th. Check with your club leaders to make sure you have met the requirements and have all the right signatures.

This year 4-H Achievement Night will be November 9th at Berryton United Methodist Church. Watch your mailboxes over the next month for postcard invitations!

Lastly, start making preparation for National 4-H Week Oct. 6th-12th. I hope your club can participate in their challenge to promote Shawnee County 4-H!

Opportunities for learning and fun are all over this issue of the chatterbox, be sure to read closely so you don't miss out!
-Grace

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>

Shawnee County GroupMe

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

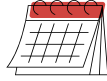
https://groupme.com/join_group/102815469/5JDLs55L

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

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County Notes

Mark Your Calendars!



Record Book Training Zoom: September 12th
Record Books DUE: September 27th
Officer Training: October 27th, National Guard Museum, 2- 4 pm
Achievement Night: November 9th, Berryton United Methodist Church

Officer Training

Calling All New 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/eUrfa6hJJfMkKkNg5>

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

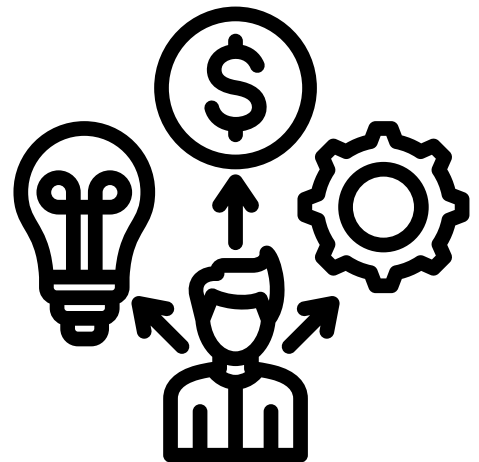
Registration due by Oct. 15th

You can register online at <https://forms.gle/UxvsAfJKbo5W5RK4A>

Or by calling the Shawnee County Extension office at 785-232-0062



Contact Candis for more information!



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State Judging Events

Congratulations

Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging

Senior team placed 5th

- Ava Gustin, Jenna Koch, Caden Kuckelman, Shelby Showalter

Intermediate team placed 5th

- Grayson Kuckelman, Cooper Mengarelli, Keaton Mengarelli

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

Team placed 21st in Livestock Judging

- Sheldon Weber, Doug Peterson, Lilly Bayless, Cheyanne Davis

Sheldon placed in Top 40 individually!

Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

Crops ID: Mason Geiger- 5th

Judging Activity: Mason Geiger- 9th

Cookies: Harley Brossard- Purple, 3rd
Natalie Geiger, Blue

Yeast Rolls: Mason Geiger- Purple, 1st

Harley Brossard- Purple, 3rd

Muffins: Natalie Geiger- Purple
Harley Brossard- Blue

Shawnee County will be represented in the following State level events at the Kansas State Fair!

Kansas State Fair Agricultural Challenge of Champions

Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops Judging

Kansas State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue

Kansas State Fair 4-H Photography Judging

Good luck to all our youth participating in these contests!!!



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State Events

Dog Conference

- October 19 & 20, Rock Springs Ranch
- Registration opens September 13
- Registration Deadline: September 30



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 (KYLF)

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

KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2025 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. This Forum for adults is organized by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers.

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

Riverside

Riverside 4-H participated in the National Night Out at Berryton United Methodist Church on Aug 3rd. Several club members attended and brought goats, photography, crops, visual arts, woodworking and other projects to share with attendees. Club leaders handed out information about joining 4-H and what Shawnee County has to offer.



Reporter- Grayson Kuckelman

Deer Trail

On Saturday July 27, Deer Trail 4-H Club met at the County Fair to hold the monthly meeting. We went around the fair, each 4-Her showing off their entries. The fair was great this year and the pancake feed was a huge success! Thank you to all the 4-H clubs that participated and helped at the County Fair this year. We hope to see you at the State Fair!

Indian Creek

This month was elections! This year's elections went smoothly, we have a new person in each office.

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Rabbit Club

The Shawnee Co. 4-H/FFA Fair rabbit show had 21 rabbits and 1 meat pen entered by 4 exhibitors. Melissa Tillery was the superintendent and did a great job with the rabbit photo booth, and awards. Everyone had a fun time and lots of spectators enjoyed seeing the rabbits. The rabbit show results were, Best in Show Brooklynn P. with a black Havana. Reserve in show Kiersten T. with a Tan, and second Reserve in show Brooklynn P. with a Florida White. Kiersten T. won Grand champion showmanship.

At the August meeting, the Bunny Bunch 4-H club voted to have a rabbit show and clinic in Manhattan, January 2025. State fair is quickly approaching, what are your plans?



Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers 4-H Club represented and promoted 4-H at the Tall Corn Festival Parade. Several club members participated in the event and threw candy to parade goers. The club finished the month with election of officers, and Installation of Officers will be in September.

-Cameron Thompson, Club Reporter



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

September 2024

2 Office Closed- Labor Day

Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

3-4 State Fair Entry Drop Off

5 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm

6-15 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

12 Record Book Training, Zoom, 7 pm

15 Silver Lake Club meeting, 2 pm

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

21 State Archery Match, T.H.E. Archery Club

23 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

24 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

26 Chatterbox Submissions Due

Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

27 Record Books Due to Office, 5 pm

30 End of 4-H Year

Kansas 4-H Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl Registration Closes

October 2024

1 4-H Enrollment OPENS!

7-13 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, National Guard Museum, 2-4 pm

28 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

November 9 Achievement Night, Berryton United Methodist Church

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All dates and activities are subject to change.