





MARCH 2025

Highlights:

-  March 3: Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
-  March 18: YQCA Training Session
-  March 28: SCEEF Scholarship Applications Due
-  March 29: Regional Club Day

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Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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Dates to Remember:

- March 3: Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- March 18: YQCA Training
- March 28: SCEEF Scholarship Application Due
- March 29: Regional Club Day, SHMS

In the event of severe weather watch our Facebook page for updates!

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Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by March 26

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A Word From Your Agent...

Congratulations to everyone who participated in 4-H Club Day! We had a great afternoon with over 50 presentations from our 4-Hers. Regional Club Day will be held on March 29th at Shawnee Heights Middle School. Be on the lookout for a room monitor sign up, this is a great way to check off a box on your Achievement Pin applications!

March is also a good time to check your 4-H projects before the May 1st deadline for enrollment. You can join 4-H at any time during the year, but if you want to take a project to the fair you must be enrolled in that project by May 1st. Be aware, simply going to project meetings does not mean you are enrolled, it must be listed in your 4-H Online profile. If you need to add a project, please contact the office and we will get it taken care of for you!

If you are paying the enrollment fee by check, please don't wait until the 1st to enroll. You will need to allow for time to mail the check to the state 4-H office and for the check to be processed.

On March 17th, all 4-Hers program age 12 and older are invited to join the Ambassadors on a trip to Rock Springs for the ropes course and some camp activities! We will be leaving the extension office at 10:30 am so we can eat lunch in Junction City beforehand, then we will be at RSR from 12-4 pm and should arrive back at the extension office around 5 pm. The cost is \$16/ 4-Her, and youth should plan to bring a little bit extra for lunch. Sign up at the link by March 13th! <https://forms.gle/5Qa9TA2HBtzkrRb1A>

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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County Notes

Coding & Robotics Meetings

Attention All Coding and Robotics Interest:

Hi, I'm Miles Burgess and for the last few years I have been doing coding and robotics and recently there has been not many people doing the project So, I am starting to host a coding class where you will learn coding from the basics being scratch (Basic coding website) to being able to code python (Coding Language) and develop software of your choosing. In this class we can also work on fair projects and other forms of coding. The dates for the class is as follows

Wednesday, March 5th - 6:30 pm-8 pm

Wednesday, May 7th - 6:30 pm-8 pm

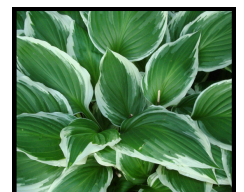
Wednesday, June 4th - 6:30 pm-8 pm

Wednesday, July 2nd - 6:30 pm-8 pm

The coding class will be held in the upstairs meeting room at the extension office. Hope to see you there.

Horticulture Judging Contest Information

Hello! I'm Lane Wiens, the Horticulture Extension Agent for Shawnee County. Part of my role here at the office is to coach the Horticulture Judging Contest Team at the local and state levels. I know we have a lot of new families in the county, so I wanted to hold an information session for parents on March 20th at 6:30 pm on Zoom (<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/94267494567>) to discuss what the contest is, the benefits of participating, and talk about the practices we will hold this summer and the resources that will be available for study. I hope to see you online!



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Regional Club Day

We are hosting Regional Club Day this year! This means we will need plenty of room monitors to assist throughout the event. A sign up will be going out soon, so watch your email!

Saturday, March 29th, 2025
Shawnee Heights Middle School
programs starting at 8:30 am

From Farm to You- Volunteers Needed!

From Farm to You will be held April 16 from 9:00am-2pm in Domer Arena. We have Shawnee County second graders attending to learn about where their food comes from. We need 4-H'ers (8th graders and above) to act as group leaders throughout the day. 4-H'ers will guide the students and their teachers from learning station to learning station. This is a great service project and is also fun to watch the second graders learn about their food. We will provide lunch that day and if your school needs a note for your absence, we can do that too!

Please email Grace at wien@gksu.edu and let her know if you can help with this program.



Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Save the date for April 22nd from 11-1! We will be hosting a taco bar lunch at the extension office to show our appreciation for our amazing volunteers. We would love to have you stop by and join us over your lunch hour.

We truly wouldn't be able to run our program without your help and want to celebrate YOU and all your efforts! It is come & go, RSVP is not required, but if you know that you are planning to come please let us know by April 18th.

Shooting Sports: Air Rifle Instructor

Want to become an instructor for our Shooting Sports Air Rifle program? I am one of two certified Rifle Instructors for Shawnee County and will be stepping down next year. The County will send any approved prospective instructor to State-offered training, usually at Rock Springs, later this year. You will work with our Shawnee County Shooting Sports Coordinator, Brett Fox, to run project meetings. The State oversees competition events if project members are interested in participating, that can lead to participation in National competition. This is a great project to teach responsible firearm handling and use. I have enjoyed working with the youth and watching their shooting and life skills grow.

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Livestock Corner

Mark Your Calendars for YQCA

2025 YQCA sessions will be held at the following times:

Tuesday, March 18 at 6 pm

Wednesday, April 23 at 6 pm

Saturday, May 17 at 9 am



Save the Date for Small Animal Weigh-in!

April 27, 2025 from 1-4 pm



If you plan to show bucket calves, meat goats, sheep, or swine they are required to be tagged. Location and address will be sent to youth in the livestock projects. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR ENROLLMENT TO RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION!

Please contact Grace or Lisa if you are unable to be at weigh-in!

Shawnee County Spring Show

May 10th, 2025

Livestock Building, Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex
12200 214 Rd, Holton, KS 66436

For show information contact: 4-H Livestock Committee

Telephone: (785) 232-0062 Ext. 120 E-mail: wienosg@ksu.edu

Sponsored by: The Shawnee County 4-H Livestock Committee



Find the flyer, rules, class listings and more at: https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/4-h_livestock/spring_show/

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Scholarship Information

Shawnee County Scholarship Information AVAILABLE

Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation and Langley Foster Scholarship applications are now available! Details are posted on the website: https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_and_recognition/scholarships/



Shawnee County Extension Education Foundation Scholarship

Applications due Friday, March 28, 2025!

Eligibility

- Current member of a Shawnee County 4-H Club with enrollment totaling three (3) years or more
- 2.5 grade point average (unweighted)
- Graduating high school senior
- Enrolled for 12 or more college semester hours (check will be made out to college on behalf of the student)

OR

- Enrolled full-time in a technical institution (check will be made to student upon receipt of tuition/expenses)

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Langley Foster 4-H Scholarship

Eligibility

- Must have been a member of Shawnee County 4-H for three (3) years or more
- Full-time college student (sophomore, junior, senior) enrolled in 12 or more hours with a 3.0 grade point average (unweighted)
- Current Year state 4-H scholarship winners are excluded

Applications due April 30, 2025!

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From the Fairboard

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help on committees, you do not have to be a fairboard member to help out. If you are interested in joining this team, please reach out to the fairboard via email shawneecofairboard@gmail.com.

2025 Fair Book Cover Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the fair book cover contest!

1st Place: Bella Bricker, Deer Trail 4-H Club

2nd Place: Katelyn Sage, Dover 4-H Club



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State Events

4-H Horse Judging Contest

Kansas 4-H, Kansas Quarter Horse Association, and EquiFest of Kansas are teaming up to host the 2025 Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. The Contest will be held March 21, 2025, in conjunction with EquiFest of Kansas in Salina.

Two contests are available- an open contest and a 4-H contest. Kansas 4-H members age 9-18 are invited to participate in the 4-H contest, and may also participate in the open contest. Youth of any age are eligible to participate in the open contest hosted by Kansas Quarter Horse Association. Cost to enter the 4-H contest is \$25. Registration closes March 7th. [Please register here.](#)

This is considered the state horse judging contest for Kansas 4-H. The first place team will have the option to represent Kansas at the Western National 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Denver next January.

Please be sure to read all rules prior to entry- [4-H Horse Judging rules.](#)



Spring into Volunteering- Save the Date!

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Polytechnic Campus on Saturday, April 26. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles.

Sessions for the day include Preparing Youth for Real-World Opportunities, Personalities and How They Affect Volunteers, Facilitating Civic Engagement and Service, Keeping Kids Engaged, and Resources for You.

The registration fee for the day is \$20 and includes materials and lunch! Online registration is due April 15, 2025.

More information will be available soon! Reach out to the office if you have any questions!



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KSRE News

IPM Insect Art Contest

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas!

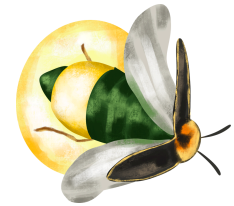
This year, the theme is "By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night."

The goal is to explore why and how insects are active or inactive at night, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Art may be a drawing or painting, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass or other media.



There are five age categories in which 1st - 3rd place will be awarded:

- Kindergarten - 2nd grade
- 3rd grade - 5th grade
- 6th grade - 8th grade
- High school
- Adult



Entries must be received or postmarked before April 15, 2025.

Visit <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/> for full details.

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Club Chatter

Bunny Bunch

February's meeting we discussed pros and cons of the January rabbit show and our upcoming fair show. On February 13th we went to an assisted living center where we brought rabbits for the residents to visit, and handed out Valentines to everyone. Our next meeting will be March 3rd at the extension office upstairs meeting room. You do not have to have a rabbit to join us, everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there.

-Brooklynn Powell



Grove

At the February meeting of the Grove 4-H Club, Kaiden and Tyler Thomas gave project talks on how they use their combine and grain cart to harvest.

-Chance Nolte



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

March 2025

- 1 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications
Deadline
- 3 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 5 Robotics/Coding Project Meeting, EMR,
6:30 pm
- 6 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6:30 pm
4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 11 Geology, Stoffer Hall at Washburn, 7 pm
- 12 Shooting Sports I, EMR, 6 pm
- 13 Sport Fishing, EMR, 6 pm
Archery Info Meeting, EMR, 7: 30 pm
- 18 YQCA Training, EMR, 6 pm
- 19 Shooting Sports I, EMR, 6 pm
Livestock Committee Meeting, Conference
Room, 7:15 pm
- 24 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 25 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Chatterbox Submissions Due**
Shooting Sports I, EMR, 6 pm
- 27 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 28 SCEEF Scholarship Application Deadline,
5 pm
- 29 Regional Club Day, SHMS, 8 am- 2pm

April 2025

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- 3 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6:30 pm
4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 7 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 9 Shooting Sports I, EMR, 6 pm
- 10 4-H Events Council, EMR, 7 pm
- 15 Geology, Stoffer Hall at Washburn, 7 pm
- 16 From Farm to You, Domer Arena, 9 am
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- 30 Langley Foster Scholarship Application
Deadline, 5 pm

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All dates and activities are subject to change.