

DECEMBER

Highlights:



Office Closed: Dec. 14 & Dec. 25-Jan. 1



December 14: 4-H Events Council Meeting



December 18: Chatterbox Submissions Due



December 22: Wheat Kit Assembly



January 7: January Jamboree



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Dates to Remember:

- December 14: Office Closed
- December 14: 4-H Events Council
- December 22: Wheat Kit Assembly
- December 25-January 1: Office Closed
- January 7: January Jamboree

Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa by December 18

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A Word From Your Agent...

Dear 4-H Families,

November 18 & 19 Shawnee County had 5 youth attend the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum at Rock Springs 4-H Center. They had a great time learning about leadership and meeting new 4-H friends from across the state.

Many Thanks to Johnsonville Sausage and Capital Federal Bank for supporting the Shawnee County 4-H Youth!

If you have never attended a State 4-H Event, you should try to go to at least one. KYLF, Discovery Days and CIA are great ways to experience 4-H on the state level. There is information about all of these events on the Kansas 4-H site:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/>. We do offer \$100 scholarships for these activities that are funded by Johnsonville Sausage and Capitol Federal!

January Jamboree is scheduled for January 7th from 2-4 pm. January Jamboree is a craft event that is open to the public so invite your friends and make plans to attend the January Jamboree!

I hope everyone has a Happy Holiday season! If your club carols or does community service this time of year, please send pictures to the office. We can post them on our Facebook page!



Hi everyone! Lisa here! I am in the office Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons! If you have any urgent needs, please call the office or reach out to Candis!
-Lisa, 4-H OP



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Livestock Corner

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 2, 2024

Cost - \$20/person by February 12 (\$25/person after February 12)

*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 12 to receive a t-shirt.

**Both youth and adults attending need to register.

***No refunds.

Online Registration - <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>



K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 16, 2024

Registration Deadline – February 26

Cost - \$20/person by February 26 (\$25/person after February 26)

*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 26 to receive a t-shirt.

**Both youth and adults attending need to register.

***No refunds.

Online Registration - <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

Important Dates

Beef Weigh-In: Sunday, February 11th, 1:00-3:00 pm @ Gleason's

Small Animal Weigh-In: Sunday, April 28th, 1:00-4:00 pm @ Blythe's

Spring Livestock Show: Saturday, May 4th, Holton, KS

Information for the Spring Show is located on our website on the Flyers page: <https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/upcoming-events/flyers/index.html>

Livestock Committee meetings will begin at 7:15 pm starting in January!

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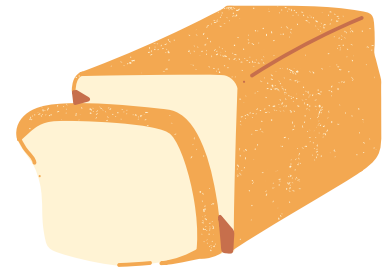
Assembling Bread Kits on December 22nd

Kansas Day is just around the corner, and you know what that means...

we need your help in making bread in a bag kits! We will be putting together bread in a bag kit for School Enrichment on Friday, December 22 at 1:00 pm in the upstairs meeting room. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your fellow 4-H friends and add community service to your record book. So come and join the fun!



The School Enrichment program is an opportunity to reach school-age children that may not have had any other 4-H experience. This is not a fundraiser for the Extension Office. The schools pay a nominal fee per student to cover the cost of the supplies. The bread in a bag Wheat Science program is one of the popular programs offered to the elementary teachers in Shawnee County.



Please email Lisa Satterthwaite (lsatter@ksu.edu) **and** Candis Meerpohl (candism@ksu.edu) by December 18 so we know how many helpers we will have!



School Enrichment is needing to restock the supply of egg cartons.

These cartons are used to transport the hatching eggs from the Nelson Hatchery to the schools for the Chicken Embryology Program.

Please bring your empty/used 12 count egg cartons to the office and let someone know they are for school enrichment. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

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Shawnee County Extension Foundation Scholarship Information

The Shawnee County Extension Foundation Scholarship application is now available! Find it on our website at https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_and_recognition/scholarships/index.html

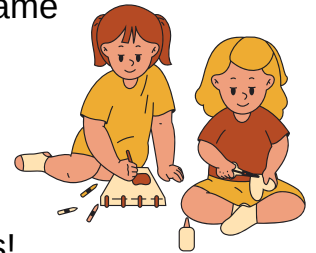
The deadline for this scholarship is **March 29, 2024**

Note from the SCEEF: 4-Her's are no longer required to reside in Shawnee County, just be a member of Shawnee County 4-H!

January Jamboree

January Jamboree will be on **January 7th, from 2-4pm at Countryside United Methodist Church, 3221 S.W. Burlingame Rd.** Our event will be located in the celebration center of the church, accessed from the southern parking lot.

January Jamboree is a craft event that is open to the public where you can make small crafts and see all your 4-H friends! Crafts normally range from being free to around a dollar. All ages are welcome to come create. Invite your friends and make plans to attend the January Jamboree!



From Farm To You is Back!

The Shawnee County Extension office is happy to announce we will be hosting From Farm to You in 2024! This is the first time we have had this program since 2019.

From Farm to You will be held **April 23rd** from 9:00am-2:00pm in Domer Arena. We have 750 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 Candis Meerpohl at candism@ksu.edu and let her know if you can help with this program.

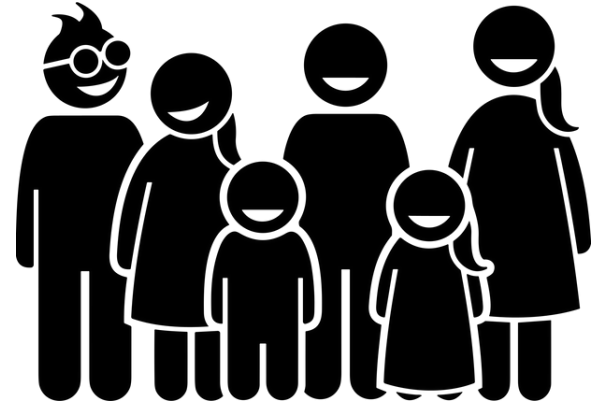
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Community Page

Shawnee County Fair Board Youth Committee

The Shawnee County Fair Board is looking for 4-Hers interested in being on their Youth Committee. If you are interested, you can contact Ashleigh Mengarelli at ashleigh.am@gmail.com.



Shawnee County Fair Board Fair Book Cover Contest

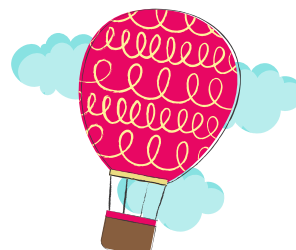
The Shawnee County Fair Board is happy to announce the youth 2024 Fairbook Cover Contest! The 2024 Shawnee County Fair theme is: *Get Carried Away at the Shawnee County Fair*. Below are the rules for entries for the Cover Contest.

Here are the rules:

- Must be on 8 1/2 x 11 paper (Must be done in Portrait Orientation NOT Landscape orientation)
- Design must be in black and white, do not use color
- Art can be hand drawn or computer generated, but must be original
- Must include the dates of the County Fair; July 20-21– County Fair Horse Show, July 25-28– County Fair
- Must mention Open Class
- Must include the theme of the fair (Get Carried Away at the Shawnee County Fair).
- Put your name, phone number and Club on the **BACK SIDE** of the entry.
- Entries are due to the Extension Office by **January 19th, turned into the extension office by 5pm**. They can be scanned and e-mailed to candism@ksu.edu. If selected we will need the original artwork to make into the cover.

There will be a \$50 cash prize for the cover chosen to be on the front of the Fair Book! The runner up will have their artwork printed inside the fair book and will win a \$25 cash prize.

Can't wait to see what our youth come up with!



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State 4-H News

Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Teams

The Kansas State 4-H Team has reviewed the Kansas 4-H Action Team guidelines and have rebranded this volunteer opportunity to be Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Teams. These teams will be able to provide opportunities for more 4-H project areas.

The Kansas 4-H Project Partnership Teams are:

- Animal Science
- Communication & Expressive Arts
- Consumer & Family Science
- Discovery Days**
- Engineering & Technology
- Leadership & Personal Development
- Natural Resources
- Plant & Environmental Sciences*

* This will be a 4-H Project Partnership Team that will be coming in the future.

** Discovery Days also needs a team to help deliver this educational experience, and it will follow the same application process as the Project Partnership Teams and be considered as such.

Find more information and
the application at
[https://www.kansas4-
h.org/volunteers/projectpartn
ershipteams.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/projectpartnershipteams.html)

With this restructure, everyone interested in serving will need to apply for a 4-H Project Partnership Team. We will be looking for a variety of expertise around the projects that fall under each 4-H Project Partnership Team.

2024 4-H Horse Panorama

The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 27, 2024, at K-State Salina, a schedule of events is located on the [4-H Horse Panorama website](#). 4-H Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, and more.

Find all the details at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/tipsheet/announcement/?id=93202>

4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar

Kansas 4-H, the KSU Horse Judging Team and Colby Community College are excited to offer a 4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar Friday, April 12, 2024 in Colby, KS. Please share with potential 4-H Horse Show judges, volunteers and youth. Registration information is forthcoming.

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State 4-H News

4-H Dog Judges Training and Certification

The annual training and recertification for 4-H Dog show judges will be January 26-28 at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds in the Northeast area of Kansas. This is a 5-year certification. All 4-H dog shows must have certified judges for members to qualify for the State Fair Dog Show. There is a reduced cost for leaders/members who want to observe but not become a judge. Registration will be out soon and located on [Kansas4H.org](https://www.kansas4h.org) website under events.

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 State Scholarships

State 4-H Scholarships are OPEN NOW! The deadline to apply for these scholarships is **MARCH 1, 2024**.

The process for these scholarships has been modified. Find all of the information on the state website at: <https://www.kansas4h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>



4-H Day with KSU Women's Basketball

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 13th to watch the KSU women basketball team in action against Texas! More details will be available soon!



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Special Correspondence

From Alpha of Clovia at Kansas State University

We are Alpha of Clovia and we are located at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. We are a 4-H Cooperative Leadership House, and as we approach the spring semester and your seniors are looking at colleges, we would love to get into contact with any girls interested! We are looking for girls with any 4-H, FFA, or leadership experience in general. Living at Clovia is a great opportunity as it is one of the only ways to live off campus their freshman year at K-State. It provides girls with a community of caring friends, accountability, and fun. We will have a hospitality weekend in the spring, on March 23rd and 24th, where high school girls of all grade levels can come spend the weekend with us, and learn more about what it would be like to live in Clovia! The process of getting into the house includes submitting an application and reference letters and then an interview. If you know of any girls that may be interested, we would love to get in touch with them. Feel free to share our email alphaofclovia@gmail.com or instagram [@alphaofclovia](https://www.instagram.com/alphaofclovia) or if you share their contact information with us, we would love to reach out to them. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, feel free to contact us at any time! We appreciate you and all of your work in our communities, have a great day!

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2023/2024 KANSAS 4-H PROJECTS



Kansas 4-H has made some changes to Project names starting this new 4-H year. Here is a guide, including a helpful guide to how projects were listed previously!

Beef
 Dairy Cattle
 Dairy Goats
 Dog
 Horse
 Meat Goats
 Pets
 Poultry
 Rabbits
 Sheep
 Swine
 Veterinary Science

Sewing & Textile Design
 Shopping in Style
 Family Studies
 Fiber Arts
 Foods & Nutrition
 Health & Wellness
 Interior Design & Architecture

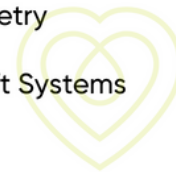
Entomology
 Agronomy
 Forestry
 Horticulture & Landscape Design

Ag Mechanics Welding
 Building Block Engineering
 Astronomy
 Computer Science
 Electric & Renewable Energy
 Robotics
 Aerospace/Rocketry
 Small Engines
 Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
 Woodworking

Communications
 Performing Arts
 Photography
 Visual Arts

Environmental Science
 Geology
 Shooting Sports
 Wildlife

 Civic Engagement
 Leadership
 Reading Adventures
 Self-Determined



PREVIOUS PROJECT LISTING

Beef
 Dairy, Cattle
 Dairy, Goats
 Dog Care & Training
 Horse
 Meat Goats
 Pets (including Cats)
 Poultry
 Rabbits
 Sheep
 Swine
 Veterinary Science

Clothing & Textiles- Construction
 Clothing & Textiles- Buymanship
 Family Studies
 Fiber Arts
 Foods & Nutrition
 Health & Wellness
 Home Environment

Entomology
 Plant Science
 Plant Science- Field Crops
 Plant Science- Forestry
 Plant Science- Horticulture

STEM - Ag Mechanics
 STEM - Architectural Block Construction
 STEM - Astronomy
 STEM - Computer Science
 STEM - Energy Management
 STEM - Robotics
 STEM- Aerospace/Rocketry
 STEM - Small Engines
 STEM - UAS
 Woodworking

Communications
 Performing Arts
 Photography
 Visual Arts

Environment Science
 Geology
 Shooting Sports
 Wildlife

Citizenship (Civic Engagement)
 Leadership
 Reading
 Self-Determined



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Club Chatter

Silver Lake

This month our meeting was held on Sunday, November 12th at 2:00 p.m. In our meeting this month, we put together 35 shoeboxes for Christmas In A Shoebox. We do this every year, so other children will get to experience the joy of opening a gift for Christmas.

For the project talk, the 4-H members learned how to make No Bake Oatmeal Protein Energy Balls & even sampled them. The protein energy balls were really good!! We had nine members of the Silver Lake 4-H Club attend Achievement Night: Surfin' to Success. Each member did a grand job!

Submitted by: Tyler Thomas



Bunny Bunch

This month the Bunny Bunch 4-H club elected the 2024 officers and discussed hosting a clinic and single youth rabbit show in Manhattan Kansas for January 2024. It will have Breed ID, Showmanship, and Royalty clinics as well as contests. Followed by the single rabbit show.

Please Welcome our new officers:

President- Jacob

Secretary- Kayla

Historian/ Reporter- Brooklynn

Vice President- Chloe

Treasurer- Kierstyn

Activity Directors- Kylee & Christian

- Brooklynn Powell

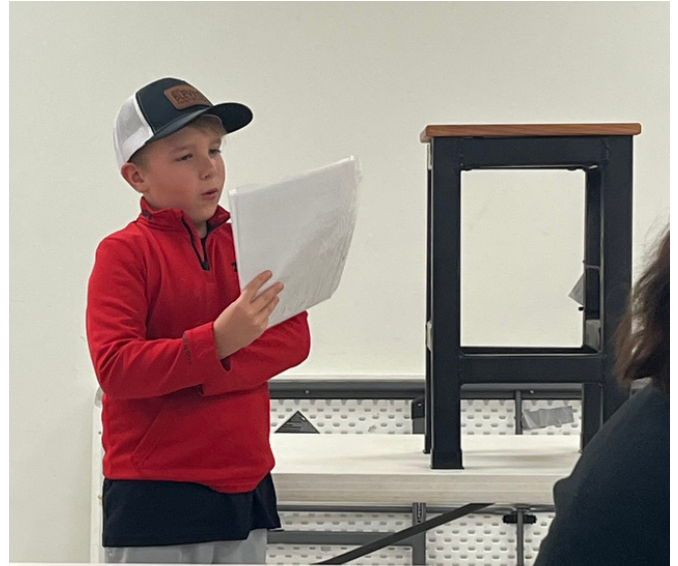
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Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers 4-H Club will be celebrating the end of the year with holiday festivities. The club planned upcoming holiday fun for December. Members decided to host a holiday dinner at the next meeting along with caroling at the local assisted living facility and wrapping gifts for our adopted family. The club will also be helping with the annual Rossville Christmas Festival by helping youth decorate cookies during the festival craft show. The officers were installed with a ceremony to highlight each office and the club members and guests enjoyed a welding presentation given by Mason Geiger.

Cameron Thompson, Club Reporter



Mason giving his presentation on welding

Deer Trail

On Monday November 13, 2023, our Deer Trail 4-H Club had our monthly meeting. We planned a float for the Miracle on Kansas Avenue Parade. Our Recreation Leader brought Keva Planks for our recreation activity. At our December meeting, we will do Christmas activities and eat pizza. We will enjoy crafts a lot while having fun together!

-Cecelia Schafer



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Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

December 2023

4 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

6 Shooting Sports, EMR, 6 pm

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

14 Office Closed

4-H Events Council, EMR, 7 pm

18 Chatterbox Submissions Due

22 Wheat Kits Assembly, EMR, 1 pm

25-29 Office Closed

No Paw Prints or Horse Club meeting this month!



January 2024

1 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

4 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6:30 pm

4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm

7 January Jamboree, Countryside United
Methodist Church, 2-4 pm

13 4-H Day with KSU Women's Basketball,
Manhattan

15 Office Closed

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

18 Air Pistol Introduction, EMR, 6 pm

22 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm

25 Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm

26 Chatterbox Submissions Due

26-28 4-H Dog Judges Training &
Certification, Leavenworth

27 Horse Panorama, K-State- Salina campus

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All dates and activities are subject to change.