

# APRIL 2024

## Highlights:



April 11: Events Council Meeting



April 24: YQCA Training



April 28: Small Animal Weigh-In



April 29: 4-H Volunteer Training



**May 1: Enrollment Due!**

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# Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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## Dates to Remember:

- April 11: Events Council Meeting
- April 28: Small Animal Weigh-In
- April 29: 4-H Volunteer Training
- **May 1: LAST DAY TO ENROLL** to be eligible for Shawnee County Fair
- **May 4:** Shawnee County Spring Livestock Show, Holton

**Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by April 26**

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## A Word From Your Agent...

Happy Spring! With the weather warming up and the 4-H programming gearing up, this is a very exciting time of year!

Remember, May 1 is still our 4-H enrollment deadline. With the program fee please do not wait until May 1st to enroll or check your projects. We are not able to add a 4-H project or accept an enrollment on May 2nd. If you do not have your enrollment submitted by May 1st, you will not be able to exhibit at the County Fair.

You only get Chatterbox if you are enrolled in 4-H Online. The projects you are enrolled in on May 1st are the only projects you can participate in for the county fair. **GOING TO PROJECT MEETINGS DOES NOT ENROLL YOU IN THAT PROJECT. GOING TO 4-H MEETINGS DOES NOT ENROLL YOU IN 4-H.** If you have any questions, please let me know. 4-H'ers can join a club after May 1st but they cannot participate in 4-H divisions of the 2024 Shawnee County Fair.

ALL animal project members: There is a 4-H Online Animals update in the Livestock corner on Page 2. You are now able to pre-register animals, which will make entering in the fair easier.

We are looking to bring back a youth-led leadership group for 4-Hers who are program age 13 and older. Join me for a brainstorming session on April 11th at 6 PM, before the next Events Council meeting. Bring your ideas, and don't be afraid to get creative! This group can draw inspiration from Ambassador and Junior Leader style groups. Please RSVP by Monday, April 8th, if you would like to be a part of this opportunity!

There are \$100 scholarships available for Discovery Days again this year! If you are an enrolled Shawnee County 4-Her, we will apply the amount directly to your balance before invoicing you. Sign up here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html> before May 5th!

Happy Spring!  
- Grace

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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.

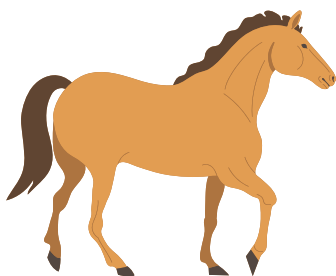
Intent to Sell forms will be due 30 minutes following the Beef show at the fair. You will identify the animal and the sales plan you would like to follow at that time, and buyers will be informed in the sale program and by the auctioneer.

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



### **Horse Project members**

The horse ID deadline is June 1st. You must be enrolled by May 1st and your horse must be ID'd by June 1st if you wish to show at the fair. Grace will be at the Horse Club Meeting on May 23rd to sign papers.



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## Livestock Corner

### Important Dates

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/up-coming-events/flyers/index.html>

### Shawnee County Spring Livestock Show

Registration for the Shawnee County Spring Livestock Show is **now open** on FairEntry!

Registration will close the day of the show!

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/20022>

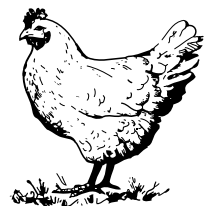


### **YQCA Instructor led session dates:**

Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30 pm

Saturday, May 11th at 9 am

-All sessions will be held in the EMR-



### **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program. It is open to youth 7-21 years of age and focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. For further details, YQCA Training please contact Grace Wiens ([wienosg@ksu.edu](mailto:wienosg@ksu.edu)) or Abigail Gettinger ([agettinger@ksu.edu](mailto:agettinger@ksu.edu)) or visit the program website, [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org).

All those wishing to attend a future YQCA Instructor-Led Training, please register at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org) BEFORE attending the training. YQCA Training is still required for all Shawnee County Livestock Exhibitors 4-H Age 7-18 (including Meat Rabbits & Broiler Meat Chickens) and State Livestock Shows; Kansas State Fair & Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS).

Find more information on our website at [https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/fair\\_info/yqca\\_training/index.html](https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/fair_info/yqca_training/index.html)



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# SUPERINTENDENTS NEEDED

Without superintendents we will not have these divisions at the 2024  
Shawnee County Fair.

- Interior Design & Architecture  
(Home Environment)



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## County Notes

### 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 Grace Wiens at [wienosg@ksu.edu](mailto:wienosg@ksu.edu) and let her know if you can help with this program.

### 4-H Volunteer Training Session

We will be holding an in person 4-H Volunteer Training session for new volunteers and any volunteers who need to complete the re-screening process. If you are unable to attend, there are training videos in 4-H Online you can watch on your own. Reach out to the office if you have any questions!

**Date: Monday, April 29**

Time: 7 pm

Location: Extension Meeting Room (EMR)

Please RSVP by April 25 to Grace if you plan to attend!



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## County Notes

### Clothing Projects Workshop

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

A graphic with the words "save the date" written in a cursive font. "save" is in red, "the" is in light blue, and "date" is in orange.

Modeling Workshop  
June 29th, 2024

### Langley Foster Scholarship

The application for the Langley Foster Scholarship is now available! This scholarship is for sophomores, juniors, and seniors attending a two or four year postsecondary institution. The required GPA is cumulative. The deadline for this scholarship is **April 30, 2024!**

The word "ATTENTION" in a bold, pink, sans-serif font, set against a yellow and orange splatter background.

 Check our website for the application and more information! 

[https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards\\_and\\_recognition/scholarships/index.html](https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_and_recognition/scholarships/index.html)



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## State 4-H News



**SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING**

FOR ANYONE SERVING AS A 4-H VOLUNTEER OR CONSIDERING IT!  
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 IN SALINA, KS

**REGISTER TODAY**

**K-STATE** Research and Extension  
Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service.  
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The poster features a green background with a gear icon, a photo of a classroom, and a 4-H clover logo.

### Spring Into Volunteering

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" on **Saturday, April 20** in Salina, Kansas on the K-State Campus. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. \$20 fee includes materials, snacks and lunch. *Online registration is due April 5, 2024 and the fee will be submitted to our local office.*

Visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-continuing-education/index.html> for more information including the registration link!

### 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/>



**CALLING ALL EXPLORERS, TRAILBLAZERS, & ADVENTURERS!**

**REGISTER NOW FOR 4-H CAMP AT ROCK SPRINGS RANCH!**

*All youth, ages 8-17 are welcome to attend!*

**K-STATE** Research and Extension  
ROCK SPRINGS RANCH  
Old Town

The poster features a photo of a boy in a life vest holding a hat, with a 4-H clover logo and the Rock Springs Ranch logo.



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## State 4-H News



The poster features a teal background with a purple and green scalloped border at the top. In the center, the text "Kansas 4-H Discovery Days" is written in a white, cursive font. Below this, there are two QR codes flanking the text "Registration>>>>". To the left of the QR codes is the text "<<<<Class Session List". At the bottom, there is a warning: "Check sessions out and register quickly as some are limited on space and will fill up fast!". The K-State logo and name are at the bottom left, and a disclaimer about the university's equal opportunity policy is at the bottom right. A vertical banner on the right side of the poster reads "REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!" in white capital letters.

### Discovery Days 2024

Discovery Days is June 5th-7th! An event for 4-Hers 13-18 (before January 1st) brimming with interesting and educational sessions and activities!

Scan the QR codes for more information or check registration details at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>

### 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>

### State Geology Field Trip

#### GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP 2024



The State Geology Field Trip will be held June 14-16 in Northwest Kansas focusing on the chalk beds. More information will be available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conference-s-events/geology-field-trip/index.html>

NORTHWEST KANSAS  
JUNE 14-16, 2024  
Registration coming soon!



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## 2023/2024 KANSAS 4-H PROJECTS



Kansas 4-H has made some changes to Project names starting back in October (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

Civic Engagement  
Leadership  
Reading Adventures  
Self-Determined

Environmental Science  
Geology  
Shooting Sports  
Wildlife

### 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

Environment Science  
Geology  
Shooting Sports  
Wildlife

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

Citizenship (Civic Engagement)  
Leadership  
Reading  
Self-Determined



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## Club Chatter

### Deer Trail

On Saturday, March 16th, our Deer Trail 4-H club was in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Members of our club were invited to come and decorate the float before the parade. During the parade, we gave out fliers, encouraging people to join 4-H, and candy. Anyone can say this event was a great success, with lovely weather and a huge crowd. We had so much fun at the parade!

-Cecelia Schafer, Reporter



### Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers 4-H Club has been busy in March. During the club's monthly meeting, club member Judah Wood gave a project talk about what to expect with foods judging and club leader Ann Foster demonstrated table settings for the fair and each member learned how to set the table.

-Cameron Thompson

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## Silver Lake

On March 10, Silver Lake 4-H Club met at the Bethel Community Church. Some gathered for worship while others joined later for pizza & our monthly meeting. We had two project talks given. One by Austin Weber on the requirements of owning and showing hogs at the fair. Austin also talked about the benefits of raising animals in 4-H. Next up, we had Kaiden & Tyler Thomas tell the club about doing Crops Judging at the State Fair. Both displayed how the weeds, seeds, & plants look at the State Fair. Some examples of seeds, were corn and soybeans. Alfalfa was an example as a plant and both brought shattercane as a weed to show members of the club.

On March 2nd, five of the Silver Lake 4-H members attended Jr. Beef Producer Day at Kansas State University. Chance Nolte said he learned "how to properly feed your cow and how to maintain your cow before she has her calf."

Our next meeting will be in April.

Submitted by: Tyler Thomas



## Auburn

We had a fun March meeting. The club members who were in the skit for 4-H days gave us a presentation. They played 4-H trivia. It was fun to watch. We also had some neat project talks this month from sewing, horticulture, Legos and knife sharpening demonstration. We always have fun during recreation time. This month we played Wax Museum.

## Bunny Bunch

This month the Bunny Bunch 4-H club discussed the rabbit show and clinic that was held January 20th, where 4-H'ers participated in Breed ID and Showmanship.

We also discussed plans for this year's Shawnee County 4-H fair. Next months meeting will be held on April 1st.

Hope you all had a Hoppy Easter!

### Bunny Fun Facts!

There are currently 52 breeds of rabbits recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association.

Rabbits have 28 teeth and they continually grow.

Rabbits love to chew on wood, but pitted fruit trees are poisonous to them.

-Brooklynn Powell

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## Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

### April 2024

- 1 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 4 Shooting Sports: Rifle II, EMR, 6:30 pm  
4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 9 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm
- 10 4-H Horse Clinic, Domer Arena
- 11 Events Council, EMR, 7 pm
- 16 Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm
- 17 Livestock Committee Meeting,  
Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 18 Sport Fishing, EMR, 6 pm
- 20 Spring Into Volunteering, Salina
- 22 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 23 From Farm to You, Domer Arena, 9 am  
Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm  
Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm
- 24 YQCA Training, EMR, 5:30 pm
- 25 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Chatterbox Submissions Due**  
Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 28 Small Animal Weigh-in, Blythe's, 1 pm
- 29 4-H Volunteer Training, EMR, 7 pm

### May 2024

- 1 4-H ENROLLMENT DUE!**  
4-H Horse Clinic, Domer Arena
- 2 Shooting Sports II, EMR, 6:30 pm  
4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm
- 4 Livestock Spring Show, Holton
- 6 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 7 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm
- 11 YQCA Training, EMR, 9 am
- 15 Livestock Committee Meeting,  
Conference Room, 7:15 pm
- 21 Archery Practice, Domer Arena, 6 pm  
Geology, Washburn University, 7 pm
- 23 Horse Club, EMR, 7 pm
- 26 Chatterbox Submissions Due**
- 27 Office Closed**  
Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm
- 28 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm

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All dates and activities are subject to change.