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Chautauqua County 4-H Update



March

- 1 **State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due**
- 2 KSU Junior Beef Producer Day—Manhattan
- 12 Record Book Workshop—11:30-1:30, Extension Office
- 14 Record Book Workshop—5:00-7:00, Extension Office
- 14 Premium Sale Committee—7:00 pm, Extension Office
- 16 KSU Junior Sheep Producer Day—Manhattan
- 19 YQCA—Howard, 6:30 pm
- 23 Regional 4-H Club Day—Madison
- 24 Market Beef Weigh-In—Sedan
- 29 Good Friday—Extension Offices Closed

April

- 1 CQ County 4-H Scholarship & Honors Cord Applications Due
- 10 4-H Council
- 24 YQCA Training—Sedan, 7:00 pm
- 26-27 Market Hog, Lamb and Goat Weigh-In—Sedan
- 27 Spring Beef Show

May

- 1 Project Drop/Add Deadline
- 1 State Nominations Due for Market Beef
- 12 Fun Fish Clinic—Sedan
- 21 Photography Project Workshop—Riverside Park & Zoo, Independence
- 27 Memorial Day—Extension Offices Closed
- 29-31 Discovery Days—Manhattan

Kansas 4-H and CQ County 4-H Scholarships & Honor Cord Application

If you are a high school senior or college student, start thinking about applying for 4-H scholarships now. The Kansas 4-H Foundation partners with Kansas 4-H to offer over 50 different scholarships to help fund higher education for 4-H youth who are high school seniors or older.

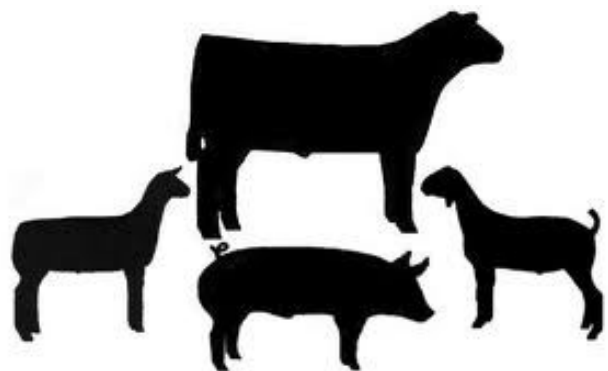
Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications are due by March 1. **The application for the Chautauqua County 4-H Scholarship is due April 1.** Here is a link to information and the application for both the

Kansas and Chautauqua County scholarships.
<https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/cq4-h/activities/index.html>

Premium Sale Committee

The Premium Sale Committee will meet on March 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office right after the Record Book Workshop.

We will be discussing changes in the 4-H Policy.



Club Educational Experiences

Club meetings a little boring? Do you just live for Fair Time? Maybe you need to spice up your meetings.

Here are some Ideas:

- * Have a project meeting as your monthly meeting.
- * Club tour
- * Community Service Project
- * A Record Book Workshop
- * Invite a friend (or two)
- * Family Fun Night (skating , bowling, cookout, etc.)
- * Game night
- * Scavenger hunt
- * Invite another club for Gavel Games
- * Practice Parliamentary Procedures
- * Brainstorm ideas for other meetings.

Livestock Tagging

If you plan on showing market livestock at the fair all animals will need to be weighed in and tagged. Ownership of all animals including breeding and dairy is as follows:

June 1st- Bucket calves, horses and poultry

90 days – Sheep, Swine, beef heifers, and goats

120 Days – Market Beef

All 4-H members should be enrolled in their projects before weigh-in. If you need help adding projects call the Extension Office. Weigh-ins will be at the following locations and times:

Spring Weigh-In Dates

Market Beef Weigh--In: March 24 in Sedan. 120 days prior to fair.

Market Hog/Lamb/Meat Goats Weigh-In: April 26-27 in Sedan. 89-88 days before the fair.



Drop/Add Project Deadline

You have until **May 1** to make changes in your projects. You can do this through 4-H Online or call the extension Office and we can do it for you. If you are trying to do this in 4-H Online, after May 1 it will not allow you to make any changes.

WEIGH-IN DATES

Market Beef	March 24
Small Animal	April 26-27

SPRING SHOWS

Beef	April 27
Small Animal	June 1

To Make the Best
BETTER

Horse IDs

Due: June 1, 2024



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

March 1	State Applications
April 1	CQ County Applications
April 1	Honor Cord Applications

<https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/cq4-h/activities/index.html>

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 2, 2024

Registration Deadline- February 12

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](https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND)



K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 16, 2024

Registration Deadline – February 26

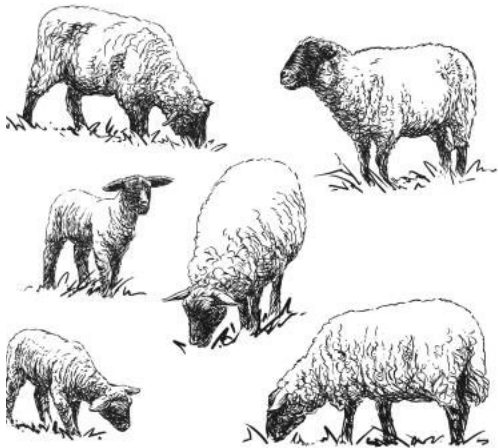
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Chautauqua County 4-H Spring Livestock Shows



Small Animal Show

June 1, 2024

Beef Show

9:00 am

April 27, 2024

11:00 am



Chautauqua County Fairgrounds – Sedan, KS

Weigh-in & registration 30 minutes prior to each
show

**Open only to youth in
Chautauqua & Elk Counties.**

For more information contact the Extension Office

9:00 a.m. Goat

10:30 a.m. Sheep

12:00 p.m. Swine

2:00 p.m. Bucket Calf

Concessions will be available.

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Project Happenings

Spring Break Record Book Workshops

We will be holding two Record Book Workshops to help 4-H'ers (and their parents) learn what is necessary to submit a quality 4-H Record Book. It will also introduce 4h.zsuite.org, an website app that will make recording information easy and accessible for each project (including weigh-in information, recording project meeting dates, permanent record information, etc.) right on your phone and/or computer. You will still be able to record information on the form fillable sheets that can be downloaded at our website. Bring your laptop, tablet, or phone!



Lunch Time Session

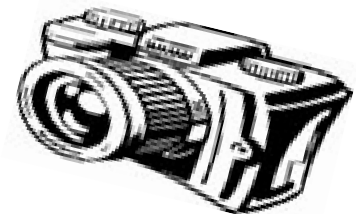
When: Tuesday, March 12, 11:30-1:30
Where: Extension Office

Evening Session

When: Thursday, March 14, 5:00-7:00 pm
Where: Extension Office

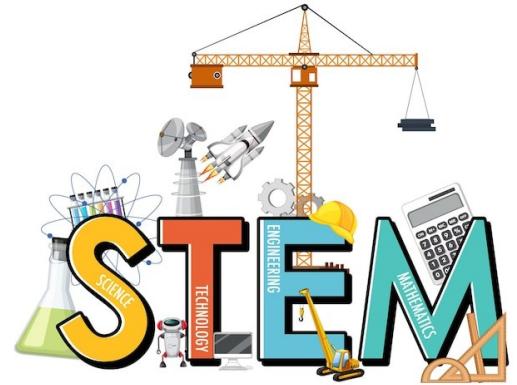
Photography Project Workshop

When: Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Where: Riverside Park & Zoo, Independence
What to bring: SD Memory Card, Lunch, Creativity!



All those enrolled in the Photography Project are welcome to attend our first ever Photography Project Workshop to learn about how to take quality photographs with a DSL Camera. Lori Vitt will be teaching photography techniques and providing instruction on using a DSL camera. Cameras will be provided, but you must have a SD Memory card (See picture). SD Memory cards are available locally at Dollar General and H&H.

To sign up or if you have questions, call Jenny or Linda at 620-725-5890.



Engineering & Technology Project Exploration Camp

This summer, we will be hosting a Engineering & Technology Exploration Camp for those interested in any projects in the Engineering & Technology group. These projects will be discovery based activities that allow participants to learn more about these projects. Below is a schedule for the topics being explored.

Tuesday		Thursday	
When: June 4, Noon-4:00pm Where: Fairgrounds, 4-H	Rocketry Architectural Block Design	When: June 6, Noon-4:00pm Where: Fairgrounds, 4-H	Electricity Robotics
When: June 11, Noon-4:00pm Where: School, Vocational Building	Electricity Unmanned Aerial System Welding	When: June 13, Noon-4:00pm Where: Fairgrounds, 4-H Building	Rocketry Robotics

Geology Club

Starting **April 5th**, we will have Geology Club for those enrolled in the geology project. The club will meet on **Fridays after school, on the steps of the Old Gym**. Linda Bever will be the project leader. We will be doing experiments to learn more about the geology of Earth and how it has been changed over the years. It is always advisable to wear long pants and closed-toed shoes while looking for rocks. We will also do a field trip towards the end to dig up some interesting rocks in our area.



Discover
Yourself
in
4-H





Getting a Jump Start on a Career

4-H can help youth gain experience and knowledge from projects that spin off into a career. Several 4-H'ers have bred and own their own animals, but some have gone a step farther and produce animals to sell to others. Chautauqua County has four 4-H'ers that are Junior Producers.

Levi Goode has been in 4-H for 8 years. He is a Freshman at Sedan High School. Levi started raising and selling his cattle about 7 years ago and sells predominantly to ranchers in Kansas and Oklahoma. He says growing up on a ranch prompted him to take this route; Levi is a fifty generation rancher. Levi enjoys showing cattle, breaking colts, working on the ranch and baseball. His favorite 4-H projects are, of course, Beef and Horse. Levi has several accomplishments so far including breeding, raising and showing his own show cattle, breaking and training a colt with only verbal guidance, and placing in the Kansas Beef Expo Judging Contest a few years ago.

Payton Carter is a member of Prairie Pride 4-H for 7 years. She's in 8th grade at Sedan. She likes sports, hanging out with her friends, and 4-H. Payton feels that her greatest accomplishment, so far, is winning the Round Robin. For the last three years, Payton has sold sheep to other 4-H'ers in Chautauqua County to give them the opportunity to show sheep. Payton advises anyone in 4-H to try showing any animal you like.

Kaden and Willow McCoy raise hogs and sell them "all over". They've sold hogs in Texas, California, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. Kaden started his business to raise his own hogs and to make a little money, too. Willow quickly followed suite.

Kaden is in the 8th grade at Sedan and has been in 4-H 8 years. When he's not working with his hogs, Kaden likes fishing, hunting, basketball, track and baseball. He feels his greatest accomplishment has been winning the Round Robin. His favorite 4-H project? You guessed it, showing pigs.

This is Willow's second year in 4-H. Last year, her first year in 4-H, she got to be in the Round Robin competition. She considers that a great accomplishment. Her favorite projects are pigs and lambs, but she also likes just being with friends. Willow encourages everyone to try showing pigs.



Sedan, Kansas

Annual Redbud & Barn Quilt Tour

Saturday, April 20 & Sunday, April 21, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHY Photography Art Show At Kurtis Art Center

Three Categories:

- *Kansas Barns
- * Barns featuring Barn Quilts
- *Chautauqua County (photos must be taken in Chautauqua County, Kansas)

For more information, contact
Jolynn C. Reed
405-205-0146
tallgrassphotographer@yahoo.com

Pick up maps and free redbud saplings at the kiosk on Main & Chautauqua in front of the Red Buffalo store





YQCA Requirement

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multispecies youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 7-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

ALL exhibitors, including youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), will need to be YQCA certified prior to nominating animals for State shows. Your certification from any previous year does not carry over to this year. A new certification must occur each year.

Youth may obtain their YQCA certification using one of the following methods: Instructor-led Training or the Online Course. There will also be two face-to-face YQCA training opportunities in the Rolling Prairie District.

***Howard training will be on Tuesday,
March 19th at 6:30 pm**

***Sedan training will be on Wednesday,
April 24th at 7:00 pm.**

Chautauqua County Club Day and Favorite Foods Show

Saturday, February 24, was Club Day and Favorite Foods Show in Chautauqua County. The Favorite Foods Show is an exhibit and contest to encourage 4-H members to learn about meal planning, food preparation and presentation. A "Favorite Food" is chosen, one the 4-H'er likes and likes to prepare. A menu is planned with the food and the table decor is coordinated. Foods chosen maybe main courses, desserts, snacks, breads, casseroles or other.

Three 4-H'ers participated in the Favorite Foods Show. Adalyn Leonard placed 1st in the Senior Division. In the Junior Division, June Gooden placed first and Atleigh Rainbolt placed second.

Four 4-H'ers participated in the Talks and Demonstrations division. Wyatt Schmidtberger of Sedan Willing Workers and Tiffany McDaniel of the Prairie Pride club both received top blues and are eligible to participate in Regional 4-H Day in Madison. Lakyn Sutton received a blue ribbon for her talk and Colton Ferencik received a red.

In the Talent Division, June Gooden of Sedan Willing Workers received a Top Blue for her piano solo. Prairie Pride and Sedan Willing Workers 4-H Clubs each performed a skit and both clubs received top blue ribbons. They are also eligible for Regionals in Madison on March 23rd.



Rock Springs Rocks!

4-H Camp at Rock Springs is right around the corner. Registration for Summer 2024 sessions is open. The goal of Rock Springs Ranch is to teach the positive youth development of Kansas 4-H and introduce our Centers of Excellence in Leadership, Conservation and Sportsmanship. Below you will find the various camp experiences you will find at Rock Springs Ranch.

Traditional 4-H Camp

Explorers—Ages 8-10 (rising 3rd - 5th graders)

The youngest campers will work on gaining their independence, making new friends and discovering the larger world around them. At camp, they will experience archery, BBs, swimming, intro to horses, corcles, the giant swing and much more.

Trailblazers—Ages 11-13 (rising 6th-8th graders)

This group has greater access to activities and will spend time with more campers in their age group working on skills development. Activities specific to this age group include 3D archery, swimming, horses, rifles, ca-noes, climbing wall, stream study and more.

Adventurers—Ages 14-17 (rising high schoolers)

This is the oldest group in the “traditional” camp. Adventurers spend most of their time at activities they choose, making friendships that will last a lifetime. Activities are at the top tier of 4-H camp at RSR. Offer-ings include aerial archery, swimming, horses, trap shooting, kayaks, high ropes and zipline.

Teen Leadership Camp

Leaders in Training (LIT) - rising 10th and 11th graders

LIT focuses on leadership and community development programming along with a service project. There will also be time to just relax, make new friends and enjoy other camp activities. This is an excellent progression if a camper thinks they may want to learn skills that go beyond camp, advance to Counselors in Training or join RSR staff in the future.

Counselors in Training (CIT) - rising 12th graders
CIT is a hands-on progression that develops the leadership abilities to help teens on the path from camper to counselor. Throughout the week, they will receive camper care training and counselor experience while improving their leadership skills and being mentored by youth development staff. They will also enjoy “camp” time with peers built into each day. For more information on registering for camp at Rock Springs Ranch, contact your Local County Extension Office or click on the link below.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/camp/index.html>

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/>



Scholarship Hints & Tips

“Those experiences are important for youth to pull out of their bag of memories, to be able to talk about the skills they have been learning on the job or in the 4-H program and school, and how it’s going to impact their future career aspirations.” — Wade Weber, State Program Leader, Kansas 4-H

Did you know there are over 50 different 4-H scholarships available in the State of Kansas? Those scholarships are due March 1 of each year. However, Chautauqua County also has 4-H Scholarships that you can apply for and the deadline for it is April 1st.. The Chautauqua County 4-H Scholarship is set up to reward 4-H’ers who have excelled in the Chautauqua County 4-H program through their leadership, citizenship, and project skills.

“Take your victories, whatever they may be, cherish them, use them, but don’t settle for them.”

— Mia



In order to qualify for this scholarship, there are some things that you have to do, but they can be done any-time during your 4-H career.

- ◇ Complete and submit your record book each year.
- ◇ Take part in County 4-H Day as a contestant presenting an individual number.
- ◇ Participate in at least one out-of-county judging, 4-H Workshop or approved event or contest.
- ◇ Serve as a junior leader at a county 4-H Event (County Fair, Club Day, Etc.)

- ◇ Serve as a club officer.
- ◇ Serve as a chairperson of a 4-H Club Committee.
- ◇ Receive County recognition at the County Achievement Banquet.

In the year you apply, you need to do the following:

- 1) Exhibit one or more projects at the county fair.
- 2) Present part of the program for at least one regularly scheduled meeting (Demonstration, project talk, illustrated talk, etc.)
- 3) Complete and submit your 4-H Record Book.
- 4) Write a story about your ambitions and how 4-H has helped you.
- 5) Interview with the Scholarship Committee to tell about your interests, aspirations and experiences. It’s usually pretty easy to talk about the things you like.

That’s basically it. We all like to receive money for doing a job well done. It’s even

better if it helps us get into a career that we enjoy. Those experiences help you to tell about your time in 4-H and how those experiences have prepared you for the next step in your life.

If you are looking at continuing your education after high school, or even if it’s not yet on your radar, do the basics. It’s always good to have options.

“Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt.”

— William Shakespeare



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