

Harvey County 4-H Happenings

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This time of year is always busy with end of year things, holiday gatherings, and community service. This year, our office has been busy wrapping up the year and celebrating. 4-H Recognition Night was a success and we thank everyone who helped and showed up to support. We gave away many awards to deserving 4-Hers, volunteers and community members.

Other news in the office is we have hired a 4-H Program Educator who goes into the schools educating youth on all sorts of topics. If you are interested in her coming to your school reach out! Our Nutrition, Food Safety and Health agent moved on to another job and we will be hiring for that position soon. Please help us spread the word! Lastly, Maddie will be out for a few weeks on maternity leave and we are excited to meet her newest member of her family.

Please make sure you get re-enrolled in 4-H Online before the end of the year. Right now when we broadcast emails, it is going to last year's and this year's emails. Starting in January we will not be sending information to last year's emails. It is also important to submit your payment as soon as possible, otherwise your enrollment could be archived. If you have questions please reach out. Volunteers will be approved in our January board meeting.

We have been accepted again to have our Summer Intern program through our office. Last year we made a huge impact on youth who traditionally are not in 4-H and we are looking forward to make an even bigger impact this coming summer. If you or someone you know is interested please reach out. Interviews will take place early in the year and we should know by March who our interns are to allow plans to start happening. We are excited to have this opportunity in our office again and we hope you help spread the word!

To end this, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. I hope your Holidays are filled with good friends, good family, good food and good times! I know I am excited to have some time to relax and enjoy some time with my family.

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County Wide News

In Search of 2024 Fair Theme

Last year our fair theme was Fairadise at the Harvey County Free Fair, submitted by Eli. As we gear up for the 2024 Fair year we are looking for the newest theme.

Who will submit this years winning theme? 4-H Council will vote on the theme during their February Meeting. **Please have your 4-Her submit your theme ideas by February 16th to be considered.**

To submit your theme go to:

[Online Survey Software](#) | [Qualtrics Survey Solutions](#)

The 4-H Year kicked off in October and we have been busy! 4-H Recognition Night was a success hugely because of our Ambassador team. Pictured is Sarah presenting during the night. The rest of the team was working the room, showcasing projects, and helping our special guests get seated. Our Livestock Judging team has been busy attending contests. If you are interested in joining, make sure to select that project when enrolling in 4-H Online. The last thing to highlight from the past few months is a new program we have going on in Harvey County. Marcia is our 4-H Program Educator and she is going into the schools teaching lessons. If you would like her to come to your school, reach out!



The Extension Office will be closing at noon on December 22nd and will reopen on January 2nd.

We will not be answering emails or approving 4-H Online submissions. Please get these done before December 22nd.

MULTI-COUNTY CLUB DAYS!

Save the Date April 16th

This year club days will be with McPherson County. Start making plans on what you would like to do. More information to come.

**HARVEY COUNTY FREE FAIR
DATE CHANGE**

The County Fair will take place on
August 8th—12th

STARTING OCTOBER 1ST

IT'S TIME TO ENROLL
RE-ENROLL ONLINE AT:
[HTTPS://V2.4HONLINE.COM/](https://v2.4honline.com/)

MAKE SURE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR A VERY
IMPORTANT 4-H ONLINE EMAIL REGARDING
DATES!

Happy 4-H New Year!

The 4-H Year begins every October. It is time to re-enroll and is also time to select 4-H project to participate in.

As a reminder, in order to exhibit an item at the County Fair, 4-H'ers are required to be enrolled in the corresponding project in 4-H Online by May 15th.

Why not try something new? Choose from over 30 4-H Projects to enroll in.

Local support for projects may vary. Learn more about local projects [HERE](#).

VOLUNTEER SERVICE RENEWAL FORMS

[Step by Step guide here](#)

Previously screened 4-H Volunteers are required to renew 4-H Online account each year. If you have any questions, please email Anne at aelpers@ksu.edu.

4-H PROJECTS

BEEF	SCAPE DESIGN
CITIZENSHIP	LEADERSHIP
SEWING & TEXTILES DESIGN	MEAT GOATS
COMMUNICATIONS	PERFORMING ARTS
DAIRY CATTLE	PETS
DAIRY GOATS	PHOTOGRAPHY
DOG CARE AND TRAINING	POULTRY
ENERGY MANAGEMENT	RABBITS
ENTOMOLOGY	READING
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	SELF DETERMINED
FAMILY STUDIES	SHEEP
FIBER ARTS	SHOOTING SPORTS
FOODS AND NUTRITION	ROCKETRY
GEOLOGY	SWINE
HEALTH /WELLNESS	VISUALARTS
HOME ENVIRONMENT	WOODWORKING
HORSE	
HORTICULTURE & LAND-	



State & Other News

4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H agents is excited to inform you that the annual *"4-H day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball"* has been scheduled for Sunday Saturday January 13th, when the wildcats take on Texas at 1pm!

For \$25, each individual will receive a ticket into the game, game day t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. Registration will once again be online this year with a **January 1st deadline!**

[Kansas 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball \(constantcontact.com\)](http://constantcontact.com)

**CALLING ALL
ADVENTURERS
CLIMBERS
FLIPPERS &
BUG CATCHERS!**

Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs is expanding to involve more opportunities for youth. Starting in 2023, 4-H Camp will be open to all youth ages 8-18 with both three-night and six-night options.

Youth can register for any session of interest; the historical camp groupings are discontinued. 4-H membership is not required to attend. Registration and payment will take place directly with Rock Springs Ranch at rocksprings-ranch4hcamp.org. It is recommended to register early, as camp sessions will fill on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Currently through the end of the year, 4-Hers will receive a discount and if you use the Harvey County 4-H Development Fund code you can get another \$100 off! How cool is that!

Citizenship in Action

Citizenship in Action is scheduled for February 18-19th in Topeka. More information will come in an email, but you can find some information here.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html>

Typically the first day is the afternoon and evening at the Capital. Overnight at a hotel and then all morning at the Capital again meeting with our representatives.

This event is for older 4-Hers.

State 4-H scholarships

Current or past 4-H members who are currently high school seniors or older are eligible to apply for the Kansas 4-H scholarships. Applications are due **March 1st, 2024**.

Use the website below for all information on how to submit your applications.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Record Books & Membership Pins

Now is the time to print all requirements. Look at what needs to be done and plan out your year. Find all record book applications and membership pin applications here.

Membership Pins have been updated for this year. Please look at them to see what you will need to complete.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>

County Project Information

<p>Beef Project Leader: Barbara Roux E-Mail: norbar@mtelco.net</p> <p>Beef Weigh Day: March 2nd, 2024</p> <p>Spring Beef Show: March 23rd, 2024</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Beef Weigh in Information:</u></p> <p><u>Starts at 10:00 A.M.</u></p> <p><u>6307 N Hillside, Walton, Jim Brubacher Farm</u></p> <p>Directions: Hillside and Walton Rd (60th) north on Hillside, west side of road. Enter south drive, south side of round top. We will be using single animal scales under the chute, processing will be done in one location.</p> <p>In order to show at the county fair YOU MUST weigh & tag at weigh day. If you cannot bring your animal please try to get someone else to bring your animal to be weighed and tagged THAT DAY. As a last resort call the office & make alternate arrangements BEFORE weigh day.</p> <p>We will NOT tag any animals after weigh day.</p>
<p>Dog Project Leader: Amy Brown Email: h2oskii@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Our dog project gets super active in the spring make sure to reach out to Amy about times and dates!</p>
<p>Cloverbuds/Exploring 4-H Leader: Lynnette Redington Email: lredington12@gmail.com</p>	<p>Do you have a 5-6 year old (by January 1, 2024)? That's a Cloverbud according to the Kansas 4-H world. Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate in club meetings and other project areas (except shooting sports), but there will also be three special meetings just for them...and you as parent/guardian. These meetings will go over 4-H basics (colors, pledge, etc.), give a small taste of projects, and what to expect at the fair. Watch the newsletter and emails for announcements of these meetings. If you have questions in the mean time, feel free to reach out to Lynnette Redington, countywide 4-H Cloverbud Leader.</p>

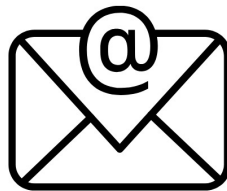
Upcoming 4-H Dates

January 2nd	Office reopens
February 18-19	CIA, Topeka
February 22nd	Ambassador Meeting @ 6pm 4-H Council Meeting @ 7pm
March 2nd	Beef Weigh Day
March 16th	Beef Clinic
March 23rd	Spring Beef Show
April 6th	Multi-County Club Day
August 8-12	Harvey County Free Fair

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