



4-H NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

KANSAS MADE WORKSHOP

EXPLORE Art-Entomology-Food Science-Photography and much more 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

3/11: Yates Center - Community Building

3/12 Fort Scott - Buck Run Community Center

3/14 Erie - Neosho Valley Event Center

3/15 Iola – Iola Extension Office

Must be age 7-18 to attend. Register

<https://tinyurl.com/kansasmadeworkshop>

KANSAS 4-H PROJECT CHALLENGES

Looking for a Spring-break activity? Explore the Kansas Clover Classroom. Challenges range from Pollinators, Livestock to Fiber Arts. Find them [HERE](#).

RECORD BOOKS

It's a new year and there is a new way to complete your record books. With everything there is an app or online version available to your family. There are a few videos that have been created as help guides and they can be found [HERE](#). Please take time to carefully read and review information. I know that many of you expressed issues with the PDF version of the record book forms. Use of the online version will eliminate that issue for you and when you print, they will look like the PDF version. If you would like to continue using PDF forms, you are definitely welcome to do so. Information to complete those can be found [HERE](#). Make sure you are on track with the Member Achievement Plan for the year. Make plans to print a copy and know what activities you should plan to be a part of for this 4-H Year! Plans can be found [HERE](#). Finally, if you have any questions about record keeping don't hesitate to ask your club leader or let us know! Best way to do this currently is to call, 620-223-3720.

HORSE ID CERTIFICATES

Certificates are due June 1st to your local Extension Office. 4-Her's need to use the January 2020 ID certificate, found [HERE](#).

NEW ACHIEVEMENT PIN PLANS

These will replace all previous plans, please make sure to toss all of the older versions you might have on hand. Take a minute to see what plan your child(ren) are on and print. Now is a good time to make sure all requirements are met. You can find the new Achievement Pin Plans on the Southwind website under 4-H Youth Development/Record Books/End of year tab.

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 16th at the Iola Extension Office. We will begin at 1:00 p.m. Bring your pinning supplies and insects to pin. Make sure to put insects in your relaxing chamber for 24 hours before the meeting. We will continue to work on the service project we started in February. If you have not started on this, you will have time to catch up in March please bring 75 cents for the supplies. If you have not gotten the template for making the labels to go under each insect in your collection, please bring a zip drive so we can get that for you. Questions - call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Photography project meetings will be held on the following dates 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Location will be at 1202 W. Main in Chanute, KS at Zion Lutheran. Bring your cameras with you to each meeting. Parents are welcome to attend. Contact Susan Stich H: 620-431-6986 or C: 620-212-2943 to RSVP or for more information.

- March 19, 2024
- April 9, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- June 11, 2024 Location to be determined
- July 9, 2024 - Mounting fair photos



WALK KANSAS 2024

Walk Kansas, will take place March 31st to May 25th this year! Through this 8-week program, you will work together with your teammates to achieve a physical activity goal. Each team is made up of six people. Youth can participate for free! If your 4-H club would like to create a team, we will also waive the registration fee for the adult who serves as team captain. Please contact Clara Misenhelter with questions at clarawicoff@ksu.edu or 620-365-2242.

SAVE THE DATE: 4-H DISCOVERY DAYS

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be held June 5-7, 2024 on Kansas State University Campus. The college and career readiness event for high school aged youth, has been a partnership for over 100 years, between KSU and Kansas 4-H. More information coming soon.

2024 KANSAS JR. DAIRY SHOW

The Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show is happy to announce next year's event has been moved up and is now scheduled for June 20-22, 2024 at the Saline County Livestock and Expo Center in Salina. This is obviously a big change, but one we're hoping will allow more families to participate. K-State Research and Extension, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Dairy Commission, and Kansas Dairy Association are excited to team up again to bring this unique opportunity to the dairy youth of Kansas. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 2024 Kansas Jr. Dairy Show!

GREENBUSH 4-H CAMP

This camp is for youth ages 7-9 and is scheduled for June 10th and 11th. The cost to attend is \$80. This camp fills up fast, so make sure to claim your spot [HERE](#). You will be directed to a page to complete forms. Forms and payment (checks made payable to 4-H Council) must be submitted to your local Extension Office soon after you claim your spot!



MARCH 10, 2024

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH 4-H CAMP: OPEN HOUSE

Come and join us for a tour, meet our staff, and learn all about the fun to be had at Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Guests will get to see cabins, activity center, pool, ropes course, horses, dining hall, and lots more. Sunday, April 21, 2024 1-4 p.m. Tours begin at 1:00 p.m. and run until 4:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Would you like a more in-depth experience or are you too far away for a day trip to see us? Give us a call and we can help you set up overnight accommodations at minimal cost. If you are unable to attend this time, we are always happy to set up another opportunity to show you around! For more information and to RSVP, please call Rock Springs Ranch office at (785)257-3221.

NEW: RSR CAMP TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

Iola has been selected as a pick-up/drop-off location for each of the camp sessions offered at Rock Springs Ranch. The exact meeting location will actually be the Walmart parking lot. You will just want to make sure to select needing transportation. This is a great opportunity for our District! Camp at Rock Springs Ranch is a great opportunity that you will want your child to experience. Did you know that they also offer family camps? You can learn more about sessions, rates, etc. [HERE](#). The cost of camp can be daunting, but Southwind District has event scholarship assistance. You will just need to complete the event scholarship form [HERE](#).

4-H SUMMER CONTESTS – SAVE THE DATES!

Youth Challenge Day June 25th at Emporia

- Horticulture
- Crops
- FCS
- Favorite Foods
- Photography

Youth Livestock Day June 27th at Iola

- Livestock
- Meats
- Skillathon

More details to come!

IMPORTANT POULTRY INFORMATION

For birds exhibited at the county fair in the Southwind Extension District that originate from Kansas do not need to be tested before the fair until 2027. Birds will then be tested every 5 years. Now, if your bird comes from out of state you will be required to test within 90 days of the fair or show proof of clean flock certificate.

IPM INSECT ART CONTEST

Participants of all ages are welcome to submit an entry before the April 15, 2024 deadline. Contest rules, Entry form, and Flyer are linked for your convenience. All information is located on the K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program webpage [HERE](#).

KANSAS STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

Kansas 4-H, Kansas Quarter Horse Association, and EquiFest of Kansas are teaming up to host the 2024 Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. The Contest will be held March 14, 2024, 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 first contest is \$15. Registration for both contests is \$25. Coaches should register teams and Individuals. Registration closes March 8th. Please be sure to read all rules prior to entry [HERE](#).

2024 – 48 HOURS OF 4-H

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project for the Kansas 4-H Service Challenge, 48 Hours of 4-H.

When: October 12-13, 2024

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

Visit: [HERE](#).



KSU AGRONOMY CAMP

K-State's College of Ag is excited to introduce a new opportunity for high school students to learn about amazing career opportunities in agronomy, grain science and food production through the "Feeding Your Future" 2024 summer youth camp. This is a collaboration between the Agronomy and Grain Science Departments to increase awareness of our degree programs and to encourage future enrollment with K-State Ag.

- Camp activities will feature Agronomy, Milling Science, Bakery Science, and Feed and Pet Food Science.
- As many as 30 campers will be engaged in hands-on learning during workshops on the Manhattan campus.
- The camp will include a career night for them to make connections between what they've learned during the week and the variety of careers available in agronomy and grain science. Student's will tour K-State's feed and flour mills, bake labs, and agronomy research farms.

Also included are 4 nights of lodging & meals in a residence hall, bowling, pizza night, and Saturday brunch for up to 2 guests. The campers are asked to pay a \$75 registration fee however waivers are available. The rest of the cost will be covered by our industry partners. Campers are responsible for their transportation to and from the university. The camp is designed for upcoming high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors and is a great opportunity to learn about our bakery, milling, feed & pet food, and agronomy programs.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

GWEN E. WILSON 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Gwen E. Wilson 4-H Scholarship is to be awarded to an Allen County 4-H member, annually. This scholarship must be used at Kansas State University for work leading to a degree of the student's own choice. The scholarship is worth \$500.00. No winner may receive it more than once and it is not renewable. Specific details and the application can be found [HERE](#). Click on 4-H Youth Development/4-H Scholarships.

MILES KESSINGER SCHOLARSHIP

Miles Kessinger Scholarship is awarded for the purpose of attending Allen Community College. This scholarship is to be awarded annually to an Allen County 4-H member and/or a Woodson County 4-H member who is a graduating senior. Those eligible to apply for this scholarship must have been a 4-H member for at least three years, be of good moral character and have financial need. This scholarship is worth \$500.00 and is payable to the recipient. The scholarship winner must use this award in the school year selected, otherwise he/she will be required to re-apply. Completed applications are to be mailed or brought to Allen Community College, Financial Aid Office, 1801 N. Cottonwood, Iola, KS 66749 on or before April 1. Specific details and the application can be found [HERE](#). click on 4-H Youth Development/4-H Scholarships.

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR

Allen County Fair is scheduled for July 25-29, 2024.

BEEF WEIGH-IN & TAGGING

Market steers and market heifers must be weighed and tagged to be eligible to show at the Allen County Fair. Tags will cost \$4.00 per tag. Tag-in on Sunday, March 3, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds. Breeding heifers do not need to be tagged.

SMALL ANIMAL & OTHER LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN AND TAG-IN

It was brought to our attention that the Small Animal/Other Livestock Weigh-in/Tag-in (bucket calf, meat goat, sheet, and swine) date that was scheduled conflicts with a large number of families. The new date will be Wednesday, April 24th from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds. If you are not able to attend, please plan to send your stock with someone.

Learn By Doing

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

BOURBON COUNTY FAIR

Bourbon County Fair is scheduled for July 15-19, 2024.

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

4-H/FFA members may tag as many animals as they wish but after the 2 allowed tags per specie members will be charged \$4.00 per tag. Please have exact change or a check written to Livestock Account.

BEEF TAGGING

TAGGING WILL BE HELD AT ONE LOCATION ONLY.

Monday, March 11, Bourbon County Fairgrounds, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registered heifers do not need to be tagged.

MEAT GOATS, SHEEP, SWINE TAGGING

Saturday, April 27, Bourbon County Fairgrounds, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 1, Uniontown 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

FAIR THEME SELECTED BY 4-H COUNCIL

The 2024 Bourbon County Fair theme is "Walk the Red Carpet With 4-H". 4-H members are encouraged to use Hollywood decorations for all livestock stall entries, poultry and rabbit exhibits, 4-H Club banners and booth displays.

BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Council will meet March 27, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Common Ground.



POULTRY AND RABBIT PROJECT MEMBERS

New for the 2024 Bourbon County Fair. 4-H members enrolled in the Rabbit project will be allowed to sell a fryer pen of 3 rabbits. 4-H members enrolled in the Poultry project will be allowed to sell a broiler pen of 3 birds during the Youth Livestock Auction on Friday evening of the fair. The following rules will apply.

Rabbit Fryer Pen Rules

- A Fryer pen will consist of a pen of 3 rabbits either all male or all female.
- They must be all of the same breed and each exhibitor will be responsible for obtaining their own rabbits.
- Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry.
- Weight of pen should range from 10 lbs. to 17 lbs.
- Fryer pen will be weighed as a pen in a cage at Livestock Weigh-in.
- The fryer pen is eligible to sell in the Youth Livestock Sale and will count as 1 of the maximums of 2 species an exhibitor is eligible to sell.

Poultry Broiler Pen Rules

- A broiler pen will consist of 3 birds of the same breed male or female.
- Birds will all come from the same hatch with superintendent placing the order for the bird's minimum of 10 birds per exhibitor to be picked up approximately 6-7 weeks prior to fair. Exhibitors must notify Extension office prior to this date if participating in this project so enough birds can be ordered. These will be Cornish Cross.
- Exhibitors are limited to one entry.
- Weight of pen should range from 12 lbs. To 19 lbs.
- Broiler pen will be weighed as a pen in a cage at Livestock Weigh-in.
- Broiler pen will be eligible to sell in the Youth Livestock Sale and will count as 1 of the maximums of 2 species an exhibitor is eligible to sell.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet March 17, 2024, 5:00 p.m. at the Neosho Valley Event Center.

NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR

Neosho County Fair is scheduled for July 25-29, 2024

FAIR THEME SELECTED BY 4-H COUNCIL

The 2024 County Fair theme is "Unveiling Potential, Unleashing Heroes". 4-H members are encouraged to use Super Hero decorations for all livestock stall entries, poultry and rabbit exhibits, 4-H Club banners and booth displays.

MARKET BEEF PROJECT CHANGE

The Fair Board decided to allow heifers to exhibit in the market division at the county fair. The same division rules apply. It will now be referred to as "Market Beef" instead of steer. All animals in this division, regardless of sex, will be exhibited by weight.

BEEF TAGGING

Beef Tagging/Weigh-in will be held at the Neosho County Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 10th from 1-3 pm. Please note the new location! In order for the event to run smoothly – all trailers must enter the SOUTH gate and the line will form there. Once finished, trailers will exit out the East or West gate. Cost for tags is \$4 each. Beef animals that need to be tagged – market beef and feeder beef. If you have questions, please contact Krista Harding at 620-244-3826.

SHEEP/MEAT GOAT/SWINE TAGGING & WEIGHING

Please mark your calendar for Monday, April 29th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Erie. The cost per tag is \$4.00. If you are unable to make the date, please make arrangement for someone else to bring your animals in. If you have questions, please contact Krista Harding at 620-244-3826.



FAIR AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED

Neosho County 4-H needs award sponsors for the following, cost will be \$35.00 each.

- Horticulture Judging 1st Place Intermediate
- Horticulture Judging 1st Place Junior
- Horticulture Judging 1st Place Senior
- Horticulture Judging 2nd Place Intermediate
- Horticulture Judging 2nd Place Junior
- Horticulture Judging 3rd Place Intermediate
- Horticulture Judging 3rd Place Junior
- Horticulture Judging 3rd Place Senior
- Champion Photography Junior
- Reserve Photography Junior
- Champion Food Gift Basket
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Girls Shopping in Style

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

WOODSON COUNTY FAIR

Woodson County Fair is scheduled for July 17-20, 2024. New schedule has been sent via e-mail.

