



## Southwind District

### REGIONAL PROJECT RECORD REPORT WINNERS

Congratulations to the following:

Jarrett Birk – STEM Ag Mechanics

Kyser Nemecek - Swine

Good luck as you compete at state!

### REGIONAL 4-H DAY

4-Her's receiving a Top Blue placing at District 4-H Day will be invited to attend Regionals March 4, 2023 at Neosho County Community College. All eligible participants will receive an email.

### STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 Kansas 4-H Scholarship are now available online. Please visit this link: [kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html](https://kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html) and read all the criteria carefully and completely. All applications with supporting documentation and reference letters must be submitted no later than March 1, 2023.

### 2023 KANSAS 4-H DISCOVERY DAYS

Are You Ready for the 100th Anniversary of Discovery Days? Put June 7-9, 2023 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. Discovery Days is one of the largest events that is put on by the Kansas 4-H program. More information including registration and costs will be coming soon.



### SAVE THE DATE 2023 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 7-8, 2023

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

Get this on your radar now! [www.kansas4H.org/484H](http://www.kansas4H.org/484H)

### 4-H AMBASSADOR AND COMMUNICATION TRAINING

4-H Ambassador training will be held February 24-25, 2023 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch. We will also offer some Communication Training opportunities during this event for youth not currently serving as 4-H Ambassadors. Friday night registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dismissal will be Saturday at 3:15 p.m. We will also be offering some 4-H Communication Training for teens who are not part of a local 4-H Ambassador Program, it will be a separate but still connected program that same weekend. Youth must be 13-18 before January 1, 2023. Registration: [kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_54nt9eSO35fhJB4](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_54nt9eSO35fhJB4) deadline is February 1, 2023.

### K-STATE JUNIOR SWINE PRODUCER DAY

Date – Saturday, March 11, 2023

Registration Deadline – February 15

Cost - \$20/person by February 15 (\$25/person after February 15)

\*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 15 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 MEAT GOAT DAY

Date – Saturday, March 18, 2023

Registration Deadline – February 22

Cost - \$20/person by February 22 (\$25/person after February 22)

\*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 22 to receive a t-shirt.

\*\*Both youth and adults attending need to register.

\*\*\*No refunds.

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

## **ROCK SPRINGS RANCH IS HIRING!**

Rock Springs Ranch is seeking a service-minded, positive thinker who can join their leadership staff as the Conference and Retreats Director year round. The Conference and Retreats Director will ensure that the service departments have the information they need and are working to exceed guest expectations for each outing. Seasonal duties will include providing support to the shooting sports program at camp and managing all aspects of the snack bar. This position will live on site and serve as the manager on duty on a rotational schedule to host retreat & conference groups. If you know someone who is interested, please encourage them to email a cover letter and resume [rockspringsranch.org/employment/](mailto:rockspringsranch.org/employment/). The position will remain open until filled. The full job description can be found at: [rockspringsranch.org/employment/employment-open-positions-year-round/](http://rockspringsranch.org/employment/employment-open-positions-year-round/).

## **U OF I DIGITAL AGRICULTURE WORKSHOP SERIES – OPEN TO ALL YOUTH**

Topics & Activities Include: Introduction to Digital Agriculture Concepts, Fundamentals of Programming I & II, Introduction to Machine Learning, Fundamentals of App Development, Introduction to Design Thinking. Guest Lectures from Crop Science, Animal Science, and Engineering Faculty. Sessions take place via Zoom after school from January - July 2023.

January 30

February 27

March 27

April 24

June 5, 26

July 3, 10

Sessions will be led and facilitated by students and faculty from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. High School participants will be eligible to attend the 2023 Digital Agriculture Summer Training Course at the UIUC campus in late July - early August 2023. There is no cost for this series, but we ask that students commit to making 6 of the 8 sessions at minimum. Sessions will meet Mondays on Zoom from 7:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m. CST. Register by January 25, 2023 at: [jotform.com/212994718627166](https://jotform.com/212994718627166).

## **ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING**

Entomology project meeting in Iola, Kansas at the Allen County Extension Office on Saturday March 11th starting at 1:30 p.m. We will be concentrating on pinning that day. If you don't have a pinning board or insect pins, I will have basic pinning set ups available to purchase for \$10. Please bring a zip drive or laptop. I will get a spreadsheet set up for you to do your labels on. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170

## **ALLEN COUNTY NEWS**

### **ALLEN COUNTY FAIR**

Allen County Fair – July 27 thru July 30, 2023.

### **ALLEN COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **The Gwen E. Wilson Memorial 4-H Scholarship**

is to be awarded to an Allen County 4-H Club 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 at: [www.southwind.k-state.edu](http://www.southwind.k-state.edu). Applications are due no later than May 1st to the Southwind Iola office.

**The 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 at: [www.southwind.k-state.edu](http://www.southwind.k-state.edu).

### **4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Allen County 4-H Council meeting will be Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Southwind District office in Iola.



### **BEEF WEIGH-IN & TAGGING**

All 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. Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Iola. Breeding heifers do not need to be tagged.

## **BOURBON COUNTY NEWS**

### **BOURBON COUNTY FAIR**

Bourbon County Fair – July 15 thru July 21, 2023.

### **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. Payment is due when you receive extra tags. Please have exact change or a check written to Livestock Account.

### **BEEF TAGGING & WEIGHING**

Choose the location that works best for you.

Weighing will only be done at the Bourbon County Fairgrounds

**Wednesday, March 8** -Bourbon County Fairgrounds  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 10** -Saddle Club Arena, Uniontown  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Registered heifers do not need to be tagged.

### **SHEEP, MEAT GOAT & SWINE TAGGING & WEIGHING**

Choose the location that works best for you.

Weighing will only be done at the Bourbon County Fairgrounds

**Wednesday, April 26** - Uniontown High School  
Parking Lot 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 29** - Bourbon County Fairgrounds  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### **PROGRAM FEE COVERAGE**

Program Fee Sponsorship for 2023-2024. There are three major requirements to be eligible:

- 1) attend a minimum of 6 club meeting
- 2) submit a complete MIG Book
- 3) submit at least one Project Record Report.

### **FAIR THEME SELECTED BY COUNCIL**

The 2023 County Fair theme is "Come Glow with 4-H". Neon colors are encouraged for stall decorations and club tables.

### **FCE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Bourbon County FCE Council Scholarship is a \$200.00 scholarship. **Requirements or qualifications:**

- Applicant must be a resident of Bourbon County.
- Applicant must plan to enroll in Family and Consumer Sciences or a related field.
- Scholarship can be used in any college in Kansas.
- Applicant must have average or above scholastic rating.
- Summit completed application with two letters or recommendation, post marked by February 15, 2023.

### **Address to:**

Family and Community Education Council, Southwind Extension District, Fort Scott Office,  
210 S. National Ave., Fort Scott, KS 66701

**Applications:** [southwind.k-state.edu/home-family/fce/index.html](https://southwind.k-state.edu/home-family/fce/index.html).

## **NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS**

### **NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR**

Neosho County Fair – July 20 thru July 24, 2023.

### **BEEF TAGGING**

Beef tagging and weigh-in (feeder beef and market beef only) is Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at SEK Genetics near Galesburg. Cost of the tags will be \$4.00 each. If you cannot make this date. Please arrange for another person to bring your animals for you. If you have any questions, please give Krista Harding a call at 620-244-3826.

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## WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

### **WOODSON COUNTY FAIR**

Woodson County Fair – July 14 thru July 19, 2023.  
Horse Show – July 8, 2023.

### **4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

4-H Council will meet Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at  
7:00 p.m. at the Bressner Building.

### **CLOVERBUDS PROGRAM**

Woodson County will be starting a Cloverbuds program. It is for 5 & 6 year olds in Woodson County. We will meet the 1st Wednesday of the month after school from 3:15 p.m. - 5:15p.m. at the Yates Center Elementary School. Families need to sign up online at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). Please call Hollie at 620-625-8620 for more information.

