



FEBRUARY



Southwind District

REGIONAL PROJECT RECORD REPORT WINNERS

Congratulation to the following:

Jarrett Birk – S.T.E.M.

Chellby Cosby – Swine

Kyser Nemecek – Self Determined

NEW ACHIEVEMENT PIN PLANS

The Kansas 4-H Youth Development Office has published the 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 the requirements are met. New Achievement Pin Plans are on the Southwind website under 4-H Youth Development and Record Books/End of year tab.

REGIONAL 4-H DAY

4-Her's receiving a Top Blue placing at District 4-H Day will be invited to attend Regionals February 24, 2024 at Neosho County Community College in Chanute. All eligible participants will receive an email.

4-H EVENT SCHOLARSIPS AVAILABLE

Don't forget that when 4-H'ers sign up for a 4-H event where registration fees are required, 4-H'ers can receive event scholarships. The amount varies throughout the District. Forms are online and must be completed prior to the event. Forms can be found here: <https://forms.gle/akGskUMYvJ1PGDQ67>

PROGRAM FEE COVERAGE FOR 2024-2025

Program Fee Sponsorship for 2024-2025. There are three major requirements to be eligible:

- 1) Attend a minimum of 6 club meetings.
- 2) Submit a complete MIG (Member in Good Standing) Book.
- 3) Submit at least one PRR (Project Record Report).

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS 2024

There are several great scholarships available to 4-H'ers across the state. These are due online by March 1st, but don't delay in making sure you have all of the materials required to have a complete and competitive scholarship application. You can find all the details you will need on the Kansas 4-H website: kansas4-h.org click on resources/awards and recognition/scholarships. The new scholarship process has combined the State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP) applications together.

WALK KANSAS 2024

Save the date for Walk Kansas, which will take place from 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.

K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day, March 2, 2024 Weber Hall, Kansas State University. Online registration: \$20 through February 12, 2024. Registration increases Feb 13, 2024 and after to \$25.00. Everyone attending must register. T-shirt only guaranteed to those registering before February 13, 2024. More information, including the tentative schedule and registration can be completed online using this link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>

K-STATE JUNIOR SHEEP PRODUCER DAY

K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day, March 16, 2024. Weber Hall, Kansas State University. Registration: \$20 through February 25, 2024. Registration increases Feb 26, 2024 and after to \$25.00. Everyone attending must register. T-shirt only guaranteed to those registering before February 26, 2024. More information, including the tentative schedule and registration can be completed online using this link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>



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 Salina 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!

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. Contact Susan Stich H: 620-431-6986 or C: 620-212-2943 to RSVP or for more information. Parents are welcome to attend.

February 13, 2024

March 19, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

June 11, 2024 Location to be determined

July 9, 2024 - Mounting fair photos

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

We will have an Entomology project meeting on Saturday, February 10, 1:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office. I realize this may conflict with some of the County/District Club Days, but it falls in between District and Regionals here. Please participate at your local level. That comes first. If you can attend our meeting, please bring insects you need help identifying. We will begin a Leadership/Service project. Please bring 75 cents to help cover the cost of materials. We will also continue our study of insect eyes. Questions? Call Vicky (620)804-9170.

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 – 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

Get this on your radar now! www.Kansas4H.org/484H

WANTED HOST FAMILIES FOR 2024

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, July 23 – August 15. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 35-40 families this summer. Host families are needed who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 12 - 16. Our responsibility is to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other. Any Kansas family with children aged 10-17, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life. Interested families can complete the application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to start the process. The Japanese Delegates personal information forms arrive in February.

If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, 785-826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH 4-H CAMP – OPEN TO ALL!

To receive more information and learn about the engaging and educational youth programs camp will be offering this summer sign up at:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/c849ljC>

For more information about Rock Springs Ranch visit: rockspringsranch4hcamp.org

4-H SUMMER CONTEST – 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



Left to right: Brady Hurt, Carly Dreher, Tate Crystal, Kyser Nemecek, Emery Yoho, Reagan McDaniel, Jade Parrish, Carla Nemecek

NATIONAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING TITLE

A team of 4-H members from southeast Kansas has won the national livestock judging title, scoring a four-point win over Oklahoma at the Western National 4-H Roundup in Denver. The Southwind Extension District team tallied 2,546 points in contests that involved judging cattle, goats, sheep, swine and oral reasons. Kyser Nemecek and Reagan McDaniel led the team individually, scoring 864 and 850 points for second and fifth place, respectively. Oklahoma was the national runner-up with 2,542 points, and Texas was third at 2,536. Twenty-six teams were entered in the national competition. The Kansas 4-H team placed second in goat, sheep and swine judging; and third in cattle and reasons. Its' combined total, however, was good enough for the overall team title. In addition to Nemecek (Iola) and McDaniel (Fort Scott), team members include Tate Crystal (Fort Scott) and Emery Yoho (Yates Center). The team had previously won the Kansas state championship in 4-H livestock judging. The win at the Western National 4-H Roundup qualifies it for an opportunity to travel to Scotland and England this summer.

KANSAS SHEEP ASSOCIATION STARTER FLOCK PROGRAM

KSA Starter Flock Program was initiated with the intent to encourage and assist young people to enter the sheep and wool industries and help sustain this important food and fiber industry and our American culture. Available for Kansas residents age 12 - 25, it can be a good fit with 4-H members looking to start their own flock. Selected participants will receive up to six ewes (based on breed) purchased by KSA, and will also be provided a list of producers who have volunteered to supply a ram. Applications must be submitted by mail or email by February 24. For full details and an application form please contact Joe Hobbs, 402-278-0202/hobsshowlambs@yahoo.com.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR

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

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next Allen County 4-H Council meeting will be Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Southwind District office in Iola.

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. Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 3, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds. Breeding heifers do not need to be tagged.

OTHER LIVESTOCK TAGGING AND WEIGHING

Bucket Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep and Swine will weigh and tag-in at the Allen County Fairgrounds Monday April 22, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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 at: southwind.k-state.edu 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 at: southwind.k-state.edu click on 4-H Youth Development/4-H Scholarships.

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.



BOURBON COUNTY FCE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Bourbon County FCE Council Scholarship is a \$200.00 scholarship. Application can be found on the Southwind Extension District website at: southwind.k-state.edu/home-family/fce/index.html

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.
- Submit completed application with two letters or recommendation, post marked by February 13, 2024.

Address to:

Southwind Extension District
Fort Scott Office, Room 13
210 South National Ave.
Fort Scott, KS 66701

FRED AND DORIS FINK SCHOLARSHIP

The Fred and Doris Fink Bourbon County 4-H Scholarship will be given during the 2024 Achievement Recognition. This is a \$750.00 scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements are:

- Three or more years in a Bourbon County 4-H Club.
- Must demonstrate outstanding achievement in 4-H activities and project work.
- Must be a resident of Bourbon County Kansas.
- Must be a senior in high school or freshman in College.
- Must be used by a student enrolled full time in an accredited Kansas 4-year college or university or a Kansas community college.

Preference will be given to a student in agriculture or family and consumer sciences. Scholarship may be awarded to a previous winner one time. We will use the Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application. Note on the form that you are applying for the Fink Scholarship. Applications are available on our Southwind website and are due in the Fort Scott Office by March 1, 2024.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR

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

BEEF TAGGING

Beef Tagging/Weigh-in will be held at the Neosho County Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 10, 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.

AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED

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

- Champion Forestry
- 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 2nd Place Senior
- 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.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Council meeting will be February 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Yates Center Extension Office.

