DATE TO REMEMBER
February
1 – 4-H Day @ Moran
15 – Entomology Meeting
16-17 – Citizenship in Action
17 – Offices Closed/Presidents Day
21-23 – 4-H Ambassador Training
23 – 4-H Photography Workshop
29 – Jr. Beef Producers Day
March
6 – State Horse Judging Contest
7 – Regional 4-H Day @ Chanute
8 – 4-H Day & Wildcat Women
14 – Jr Sheep Producers Day
15 – Walk Kansas Program
21 – 4-H Super Saturday
April
1 – Horse Certifications Due
25 – Offices Closed/Memorial Day
June
7-10 – Sunny Hills 4-H Camp
22-25 – 4-H Camporee
July
August
15 – State Horticulture Judging Contest
22-23 – Livestock Sweepstakes
SOUTHWIND COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULES
Bourbon - July 11-18
Woodson - July 18-22
Allen & Neosho - July 23-27
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REGIMENT 4-H DAY
Those 4-H’ers receiving a Top Blue placing at District 4-H Day will be invited to attend Regionals at the Neosho County Community College in Chanute on March 7th. An email will be sent to request an RSVP.

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING
Meeting will be at the Chanute High School, February 15th at 2:00 p.m. There will be a big tournament going on at the High School so we will meet in room 511. Still come to the back of the building, but come in the first door on the South East corner. The room is on the right just inside the door. Please bring your information on the topic you drew for the door. Please bring your information on the topic you drew for the door. Please bring your information on the topic you drew for the door. Please bring your information on the topic you drew for the door. Please bring your information on the topic you drew for the door. Please bring your information on the topic you drew for the door. Please bring your information on the topic you drew for the door.

JOHN PRODUCER DAYS


WALK KANSAS
If you are a 4-H, Girl Scout, Boy Scout, or after school program leader; school teacher; or any other youth leader and you would like to register your group to participate in Walk Kansas, registration forms (one per leader and one for each youth) are available on our website at southwind.k-state.edu/walk-kansas. An adult serving as captain and all youth in high school and below can participate FREE! If you have any questions, please contact Joy Miller at 620-223-3720 or jomiller@ksu.edu.

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST
The 2020 State Horse Judging Contest will be held on Friday, March 6, in conjunction with Equifest held in Salina.
4-H HORSE CERTIFICATIONS
Horse ID's are due to your local Extension Office by May 1. Make sure you use the new 2020 form available from the website: www.southwind.k-state.edu under "4-H useful forms". Remember, before the May 1 registration deadline, you must have completed the levels required to show at District or State 4-H Horse events.

CHANGES IN 4-H HORSE PROGRAM
The 4-H Horse Action Team has been discussing several issues with agents and volunteers during the past few years concerning the Kansas 4-H Horse program. The team has been in the process of revising the rule book that is to be released during the 4-H Horse Panorama. Changes to come:

*Ownership - Youth may own the horse themselves, or use a family-owned horse (immediate family: parent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian).
*Leasing - If a 4-H member identifies a family-owned horse, 1 additional horse may be leased and identified.
*Entering District Horse Shows - 4-H members may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. But before entering the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used.
*Junior & Senior Horse Western Pleasure - Eliminated
*Ranch Horse Pattern and Reining - Patterns changed.
*Costume, Roping Classes - All information to be added to the web site and not included in the rule book.
*Two Year Old Snafflebit - Reminder it was phased out.

4-H CAMPFERENCE 2020
Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2020), and will be held June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the ‘camp’ activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. Registration and detailed information will be on the State 4-H Website in March. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full the last 6 years! Register online by May 15 (or earlier it will close when it is full) and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15.

2020 LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES DATE
This event includes the Kansas 4-H state livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and quiz bowl. It will be hosted on the K-State campus in Manhattan on August 22-23. Mark you calendars now.

WIN A BUCK!
Locust Hill Lamanchas of Fort Scott wants to encourage expansion of the dairy goat project by giving away a buck kid to one lucky 4-H'er from the Southwind District. To win the buck, youth must write an essay expressing what their plans would be for the buck. Essays are due to your local Extension Office by March 1st. Locust Hill will contact the 4-H'er with the best essay to make arrangements for pick-up. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Munson.

4-H PHOTO WORKSHOP:
Planting Seed of Photography in Topeka KS. Sunday, February 23, 2020 at Stormont Vail Events Center. Begin your day with a photo shoot competition on the KS Garden Show floor (free entry to show for participants) test your skills at photo judging. Enjoy a short presentation from key note speaker, Kevin Kirkwood, who will share his unique method of printing photography on different mediums. Grow your skills through hands-on classes led by advanced 4-H photographers and experienced experts. Learn how to take pictures with light, explore fairy-gardens, enhance digital photos, leverage smartphones for photos, practice how to select winning pictures, and sleuth the hidden data in your photos! Deadline to register is February 6. Register early to get your preferred class choices at: https://tinyurl.com/vdh8bnf

HOSTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR EXCHANGES NEEDED 2020-2021
Kansas 4-H families have the opportunity to host high school students from Japan, South Korea, counties of Eastern and Southern Europe, Asia and Africa. Now is the right time to apply, as applications from students begin arriving in early February. Families must be approved to host before they can read applications for students they are considering. It is disappointing to choose student that the family agrees is a good fit only to find out that another family committed first. Families throughout the U.S. select from the same States' 4-H pool of students. These students are mostly in grades 10-12, good students, eager to get involved and volunteer, and adequate English speakers. 4-H exchanges students are selected for success and supported by 4-H at all levels. Contact Mary Kay Munson, State AYP Coordinator, at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net.

BOURBON COUNTY FAMILY & COMMUNITY EDUCATION (FCE) COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP
The Bourbon County FCE Council Scholarship is a $200 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. Submit complete application with two letters of recommendation, post marked by February 15, 2020.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE
The January 22nd 4-H Council meeting has been canceled and rescheduled for February 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Bourbon County 4-H Building. It is very important that all Club Leaders and Club Representatives attend this meeting. Please add the date of Wednesday, February 19, 2020 to your calendar today.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE MEETING
The 4-H Council Kitchen Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on February 19, 2020 before the 4-H Council meeting. 2020 Kitchen Committee Members: Joy Miller, Marge Madison, Julie Fry, Sue Reinecke, Melanie Bloesser.
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**BEEF TAG-IN**
The date for Beef Spring Tag-in has been set for Wednesday, March 11 at Unioneontown, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Animals brought to Unioneontown will not be weighed.

Saturday, March 14, Bourbon County Fair Grounds, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. weigh-in is available. Breeding Heifers and Bucket Calves DO NOT need to be tagged or weighed. If you have any questions give Chris Petty a call 620-223-3720.

**MEAT GOAT, SHEEP AND SWINE TAG-IN**
Dates for Spring Tag-in are Saturday, April 25, Bourbon County Fair Grounds 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. weigh-in available.

Wednesday, April 29, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Unioneontown High School parking lot animals will not be weighed. Breeding Animals and Dairy Goats DO NOT need to be tagged or weighed. If you have any questions give Chris Petty a call 620-223-3720.

**BOURBON COUNTY BORN NOMINATIONS**
*NO LATE FORMS OR FEES WILL BE ACCEPTED!* Bourbon County Born classes are open to Bourbon County 4-H and FFA members that have an animal raised from their own herd or purchased from a Bourbon County Producer. To be eligible a complete form and nomination fee is due the day of Spring Tag-in. $10.00 is due for each steer/heifer nomination and $5.00 is due for each sheep, swine and meat goat nomination. Drop off your complete form and payment to the Fort Scott Office before Spring Tag-in or give to Chris Petty, during tag-in. All nominations received after Market Spring Tag-in will be returned. Make checks payable to: Bourbon County Fair Board Association Inc. Forms can also be found on the Southwind website [www.southwind.k-state.edu](http://www.southwind.k-state.edu) under Fairs>Bourbon County Fair.

**KSF/KJLS NOMINATIONS AND OTHER NATIONAL NOMINATIONS**
Animals nominated for the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show are required to have a special tag and paperwork including a sticker. Those making nominations are required to pay the $3.00 fee for each nomination at Market Spring Tag-in time. Make checks payable to: Livestock Account and give to Extension Agent, Chris Petty, during tag-in day or drop by the Extension Office before Market Spring Tag-in. Forms without payment received after tag-in will be returned. Forms will be located on the Southwind website when available.

**POULTRY HEALTH REQUIREMENT**
All poultry must be Pullorum Typhoid tested before fair in order to show. Testing must be done within 90 days prior to fair. A testing date will be made free of charge, prior to fair. Testing will not be done at check in. Contact the Southwind Extension Office for details. Date, time and location TBA at a later time.