



4-H NEWSLETTER JULY 2025

4-H CLOVERBUDS

As we approach the county fair season, the question is asked, "What about Cloverbuds and livestock?".

The Kansas 4-H Cloverbud program is a non-competitive youth development opportunity designed specifically for 5 and 6-year-old youth. While animals and animal subject matter can contribute to the objectives of 4-H Cloverbuds, for safety, liability, and competitive reasons, there are some necessary restrictions. Cloverbuds are not permitted to show livestock. Kansas 4-H does not sponsor or support pee-wee events or exhibitions (pee-wee refers to non-4-H age youth).

The goals for Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds include:

- *Self-understanding skills (Initiating independence and self-direction)
- *Social skills (Getting along with others)
- *Decision-making skills (Making positive choices)
- *Learning skills (Learning to learn)
- *Mastering physical skills (Enjoying constructive and creative play)

Additionally, several resources are available to help with 4-H Cloverbud programming. The 4-H Cloverbuds webpage can be found [Here](#). Please refer to Section 14 of the Kansas 4-H Policy for further details about the 4-H Cloverbud program. Section 14.4.2 addresses Cloverbuds and animals specifically. For questions regarding 4-H Cloverbuds, please reach out to your Regional 4-H Extension Specialist.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Each photo exhibited at the County fair will need to be properly mounted for display. Your local Extension Office has photo mats and photo sleeves for the purchase of \$1.25.

SAVE THE DATE FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 5-11 will be the week to plan on celebrating your why of being in 4-H. More details to come.

KITCHENAID MIXER CHALLENGE

The Carol and Larry Crawford KitchenAid Mixer Challenge will be taking place again this year!

Eligibility Requirements:

- Senior Division 4-H'er (age 14-18) in the Southwind District
- Enrolled in the Foods & Nutrition Project
- Submit an entry in each of the following categories in the 4-H Division at the county fair:
 - Angel Food or Chiffon Cake
 - Yeast Bread
 - Preserved Soft Spread
 - Preserved Vegetable
 - Gift Basket

The winner will be determined by points system and announced in August. Look for the entry form on the Southwind website under your local fair.

POULTRY INFORMATION

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

WRITING THANK YOU NOTES TO FAIR SPONSORS

It is especially important that 4-H members write, and mail Thank you notes to fair sponsors and livestock buyers. Please make sure you take time to send a simple note of thanks to each sponsor that has awarded you with funds, trophies, banners, or plaques. Livestock buyers also appreciate it when you send them a Thank you after the sale is over and/or take your baked items and gift baskets to their business the following week rather than during the livestock sale.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK EVENTS

Locate Spring Shows [Here](#) click on the events tab.

STATE SHOW WEBSITES

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Website - [Here](#)

KJLS Website - [Here](#)

KANSAS STATE FAIR ENTRIES NON-LIVESTOCK

Non-livestock State Fair entries are due August 10th to your local Extension Office. Please watch your e-mail for information on what to do!

STATE SHOW LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

Exhibitors must submit an official entry and pay the entry fees directly through each state show in which they would like to participate. This includes entries for state nominated market animals and commercial breeding females, as well as registered breeding females. A complete nomination does NOT constitute show entry. It only makes animals eligible to subsequently be entered and exhibited in each state show a 4-H or FFA member would like to participate. The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive entries will be available once nominations close. The link to entry will be available on the Grand Drive and KJLS websites, as well as their social media platforms. Typically, Grand Drive entries open around July 1. Kansas State Fair Grand Drive entries will be due July 15, with KJLS entries due August 15. Animals that are nominated, but exhibitors do not follow the appropriate entry processes set forth by each show and pay their entry fees, will not be permitted to show. Each show manages their own rules and entries. Families will log in and submit their show entries using the same exhibitor accounts they used for state nominations – including exhibitor name and password. The tag number of each market animal or commercial breeding female an exhibitor would like to enter will be selected as a "validation number" from a list of nominated animals. All entries should be submitted under an exhibitor's name. For nomination questions, please contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu. Questions regarding show rules or entries should be directed to each specific show (KSF Grand Drive 620-669-3623 or KJLS 785-817-1350).

JULY ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

It is almost Fair time! We will be concentrating on getting ready for the Fair at our July Entomology meeting. We will meet July 12th beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office. Bring insects you need to identify. If you need help deciding how to arrange insects in your box, bring the insects and your box. If you need me to make suggestions on your educational exhibit or photo notebook, bring them for me to look at. If you need help getting labels on insects, bring the insects and labels. See you soon!

SAVE THE DATE FOR 48 HOURS OF 4-H

The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project for the Kansas 4-H Service Challenge, 48 Hours of 4-H. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H Alums too!

When: October 11-12, 2025

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

Get this on your radar now! [48 Hours of 4-H](#).

RECORD BOOKS/PROJECT RECORD REPORTS

As soon as the County Fair ends, it is a good time to begin working on record books. If you need any help with completing these books or are completely new to the process, please let Jennifer know. Record Books are due to your club leaders at their specific deadline to have plenty of time to review books before they are due to your local Extension Office October 1, 2025. Books that are turned in after the deadline of your club leaders will not be judged for county-wide awards.

KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO

The Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will be held Thursday, August 7, 2025, at the South Hutchinson Community Building. The 4-H Wheat Expo is an opportunity for 4-H families to engage in learning more about Kansas Wheat and our Kansas Agricultural industry. Youth participants can take part in hands-on judging opportunities including a Crop ID contest, exhibiting wheat related projects for foods, photography, wheat variety plot educational displays, 1 lb. bin run for crops members, 1 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer". Youth may bring multiple exhibits.

2025 STATE 4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025, in Manhattan, Kansas. Intermediates must be 9 - 13 before January 1 of the current year. Seniors must be 14 - 18 before January 1 of the current year. The objective of 4-H Horticulture Judging is for members to grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments, through plant identification, knowledge testing and judging classes. For more information and the study list visit: [Here](#)

APPLYING FOR THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The application for and information about the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council and National Conference is open and available now! The Youth Council Application and National 4-H Conference Application will be combined again this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2026, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2026, may apply for the National 4-H Conference. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one-year terms on the council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview prior to KYLF, and they will serve a two-year term on the council. The deadline will be October 1, 2025.

KANSAS 4-H DOG CONFERENCE LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Now Open "Trails & Tails" is the theme of the 2025 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference scheduled for October 18 & 19 at Rock Springs Ranch. Think outdoors, hiking, and happy pups as you design a logo to be used for this year's conference. All Kansas 4-H dog project members are invited to participate in the logo design contest by emailing a drawing of your idea in JPEG format to Jill Martinson at martinso@ksu.edu by July 15, 2025. The winning design will be used by our graphic designers as a basis for the logo to be used on t-shirts, hoodies, and promotional materials. The winning designer will be awarded their choice of a t-shirt or hoodie featuring their "Trails & Tails" design.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR

Fair is scheduled for July 24-27, 2025. Static exhibits will be judged Wednesday, July 23rd from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Fair theme is "Tropical "Fair"adise".

4-H ON THE FREE STAGE

The Allen County Fair Board is looking for 4-H'ers to share demonstrations, illustrated talks, poetry/prose, musical number, or other talent during a 10-minute time slot on Saturday of fair from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in a time slot, please contact Hunter Nickell at nickell99@ksu.edu or 620-365-2242. If you complete a 15 - minute demonstration, there will be a chance to win a cash prize.

FRIENDS OF 4-H DINNER DETAILS

4-H Council decided to have the same caterer and meal as last year, two \$10 gift cards donated per club, and each family is asked to provide a dozen cookies. This event will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22nd at the Iola High School.

PREMIUM SALE

With new state rules, animals can be sold in premium auctions and still be taken to the State Fair/KJLS. This does **NOT** change anything with the sale. The buyer will still get the first choice of animal if they buy the premium. Please keep this risk in mind when deciding which animals to sell. If you have any questions, please call Hunter Nickell at 620-365-2242.

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

BOURBON COUNTY FAIR THEME

"Create A FAIR-ytale". 4-H members are encouraged to use Fairytale decorations for all Livestock Stall Entries, Poultry and Rabbit Exhibits, 4-H Club Banners, and Booth Displays.

SEWING & TEXTILE DESIGN REVUE/SHOPPING IN STYLE REVUE

Both events will be held at the Ellis Fine Arts Center on Tuesday, July 8. More information and times will be e-mailed to all project members.

BOURBON COUNTY FRIENDS OF 4-H DINNER

Friends of 4-H Dinner is back! All 4-H families, sponsors, and fair board members are invited to join us at the Ellis Fine Arts Center July 8th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Public Style Revue. The Extension Office will be sending invitations to those that support 4-H and the Bourbon County Fair. Reservations are required by calling the Extension Office 620-223-3720 before July 1.

PUBLIC STYLE REVUE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Script narrators and ushers are needed at the County Fair Public Style Revue to be held Tuesday, July 8 following the Friends of 4-H Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Any 4-H'ers can volunteer, you do not need to be enrolled in the clothing projects. Please contact the Bourbon County Extension Office 620-223-3720.

FAIR CLEAN UP NIGHT

Fair Clean-up will be Thursday, July 10. Each 4-H Club is responsible for cleaning up before the fair. Leaders will have a list of duties for the evening. Please do not come before your assigned time.

Barnstormers – 5:30 p.m.

Hiattville – 5:30 p.m.

Northeast Scott – 6:30 p.m.

Uniontown – 6:30 p.m.

ASK ME BOOTH

4-H Clubs are asked to supervise the building and take care of trash, sweeping floors, and bathrooms during your shift working the Ask Me Booth. Club Leaders have the schedule for working at the booth.

FAIR EXHIBITOR ENTRY CARDS

4-H members must have their fair entry cards before entering static exhibits at the fair on Monday, July 14th. Please plan to pick up fair entry cards between July 7th and July 9th at the Extension Office. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – Noon and 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

JUDGING CONTEST AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Wednesday, July 16, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

*Family and Consumer Sciences

*Horticulture

*Crops

*Photography

4-H FUN ACTIVITY

The Bourbon County 4-H Council has scheduled some free summer fun on Sunday, July 20th for Bourbon County 4-H'ers and their immediate family. **Swimming:** 6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. at the Fort Scott Swimming Pool. No floatation devices are allowed. All pool rules will apply.

FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

Our intention is to have fair premiums ready to hand out to 4-H members after fair clean up on Saturday morning July 19th. Cleanup includes the Cloverleaf Event Center, all barns, and the fairgrounds. If premiums are not ready by Saturday, they will be available in the Extension Office the following week. Checks will only be given out to the 4-H member or their parent.

BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet August 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cloverleaf Event Center.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR THEME

"Boots and Bling, It's A Mardi Gras Thing"

4-H members are encouraged to use Mardi Gras decorations for all Livestock Stall Entries, Poultry and Rabbit Exhibits, 4-H Club Banners, and Booth Displays.

CLEAN-UP BEFORE FAIR ASSIGNMENTS

All buildings must be ready by Monday, July 21st. Please weed eat around your area as well.

Best Yet: Beef Barn & Show Arena

Hillcrest: Neosho Valley Event Center

Jolly Jayhawkers: Sheep/Hog Barns & Wash Racks

Neosho Valley Busy Bees: Open Class Building

Southeast Sunflowers: Dairy/Goat Barn

Sunrise Challengers: Bath House & Poultry Barn

Willing Workers: Horse Barn/Arena

ROYALTY CONTEST DETAILS

Contestant questionnaires are due July 11th to tsolomon@ksu.edu, and money will be due July 21st.

**TO MAKE THE
BEST BETTER** 

CAN FOOD DRIVE

The Farm Bureau here in Neosho County and the 4-H Clubs of Neosho County are partnering together to have a can food drive during the county fair dates are July 25th and 26th. The club with the most cans donated will win a \$50 donation from the Farm Bureau to the club.

FOODS JUDGING MONDAY, JULY 21ST, NEOSHO VALLEY EVENT CENTER

Do not forget to sign up for a judging time here: <https://bit.ly/NOFoods>. If there are no longer slots available, please email Tara at tsolomon@ksu.edu or call 620-244-3826.

Please arrive 5 minutes prior to your judging time to take your picture and fill out an exhibit form.

Parents will be taking pictures this year with our provided backdrop, please email your picture directly to Tara tsolomon@ksu.edu, so that it can be printed or find Tara that day to take it for you if you do not have a phone/camera.

Favorite Foods Contest is an option again this year, please visit website for more details.

RABBIT EXHIBITION CHANGE

To align our county fair rules with the Kansas State Fair rules more accurately, a maximum number of **18 rabbits** per 4-H exhibitor will be allowed at the Neosho County Fair.

PUBLIC STYLE REVUE ON FRIDAY, JULY 25TH

Bring or email tsolomon@ksu.edu, a typed Script for the outfit that will be modeled at the public revue, Friday, July 25th, at 2:00 p.m., at the Neosho Valley Event Center. This needs to be a minimum of five sentences about the outfit and the 4-H'er. Please be dressed and ready to model for the public revue no later than 1:45 p.m.

NOTICE OF CHANGES FROM 2024

Please note that the Awards Ceremony taking place on Monday, July 28th, starts at 5:00 p.m. Also, livestock pens may be cleaned from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday, July 28th, and not again until all livestock sold is in place for trucks to load.



CLOTHING & FIBER ARTS TUESDAY, JULY 22ND

All forms can be found Here. Please be dressed and ready in your first outfit by 5:00 p.m. for buymanship/style revue! See the construction/fiber arts judge between outfits or before modeling.

Shopping in Style and Sewing and Textile Style Revue

- Dressing Rooms will be the small meeting room for the girls and the kitchen for the boys. If necessary, bathrooms can be used as well.
- Complete the necessary paperwork of each outfit with a 4x6 photo of 4-H'er in that outfit attached with a staple (this is the same for both Shopping in Style and wearable Sewing and Textiles garment).
- Modeling tips may be found here: <https://bit.ly/3CDrG6x>.
- As your 4-H'er(s) is dressed and ready with paperwork in hand, they can get in line to wait for the next available judge. There will be no callbacks. This is why the photo is especially important.

Sewing & Textile Designed Garments and Fiber Arts.

- A separate judge will be available to judge your constructed garment and fiber arts.
- There will be forms available that evening, but they may also be found at the above link.

Please arrive with your sewing & textile designed garment or fiber art no later than 6:30 p.m.!

NEOSHO VALLEY EVENT CENTER BUILDING WATCH

We ask that clubs help with flag raising and lowering during your assigned time. Flags should be up by 8:00 a.m. and down by 8:00 p.m. Please make sure at least one 4-H'er and one adult is available.

Below is the schedule:

Neosho Valley Busy Bees: Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Hillcrest: Friday, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Willing Works: Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Southeast Sunflowers: Saturday, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Jolly Jayhawkers: Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Staff will cover: Sunday, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Best Yet: Monday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunrise Challengers: Monday, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (and help set up for dinner)

2025 INDOOR JUDGING

I would like to highlight that the indoor judging time frame is being extended one hour for 2025. 4-H Horticulture & Landscape Design and Agronomy (Floriculture, Horticulture, Field Crops)

- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. MUST be checked in.
- 10:30 a.m. OPEN Class Plant Sciences judged.
- 11:00 a.m. ESTIMATED 4-H Horticulture & Landscape Design/Agronomy judging, please arrive then If you would like to conference with the judge.

All Other 4-H Indoor Projects (except for clothing/foods)

- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (must arrive by 1:50 p.m.) all members of families with last names beginning with A-I and those exhibiting sheep.
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (must arrive by 2:50 p.m.) all members of families with the last names beginning with J-Q.
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (must arrive by 3:50 p.m.) all members of families with the last names beginning with R-Z. *If you are blessed with a blended family, please choose one 4-Her's last name and your whole family can come within that hour.
- 3:00 p.m. Cloverbud Conference Judging. Please arrive no later than 3:30 p.m.
- 4:00 p.m. Building will be closed briefly so that our volunteers may nicely display exhibits so that the building will be ready for the evening fair goes to enjoy!

PHOTOGRAPHY FUN CLASS THEME FOR 2025

All ages.

Theme: Celebrations

Not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion

BBQ TICKETS MUST BE TURNED IN BY THURSDAY, JULY 24TH

To adequately prepare the meal, ALL club tickets must be turned into the Fair Office or Kathy Brazle by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24th.



WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

OFFICER BOOKS

Officer Books will be judged with record books and awarded at the achievement banquet. They will no longer be judged at the County fair.

SPECIAL PHOTO AWARD AT FAIR

Photos showing a theme of "Botanical Beauty in Woodson County" entered in Open Class or 4-H photography divisions will be eligible for three overall cash awards sponsored by Woodson County Chamber of Commerce and Woodson County Farm Bureau, Sharla Miller, Financial Agent. The Chamber of Commerce requests access to use winning photos.

BRESSNER BUILDING WATCH

Clubs will monitor and lock buildings when done.
Piqua - Friday, July 18, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Eager Beavers - Saturday, July 19, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
3-N-1, Sunday, July 20, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

FAIR SET-UP TUESDAY, JULY 15TH, 6:00PM

All families should plan to help with fair set upon Tuesday, July 15th, at 6:00 p.m. Family fair packets with entry cards and essentials will be distributed to clubs at this time. ALL Clubs will meet initially in the Community Building and assignments will be dispersed from there. Thank you for your help in making the fairgrounds look great!

POST FAIR CLEAN UP

Plan to attend the post fair clean up at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 22nd, followed by fun at Still Waters Retreat!

PUBLIC STYLE REVUE WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 6:00

Please bring all your outfits for display. You will model ONE outfit after the Friends of 4-H Meal. Please bring your modeling description night of event, there is a template located Here. The Bressner Building will be open for additional changing rooms.

*Please RSVP for the Friend of 4-H meal by July 9th, to 620-625-8620.

4-H SHOPPING IN STYLE & CONSTRUCTION STYLE

REVUE All forms can be found at the extension office or Here for an event taking place Wednesday, July 16th, at New York Valley Church. We ask that Boys and Girls Shopping in Style and those modeling constructed garments be dressed and ready with your first outfit by 8:30 a.m. Must complete the two-sided cost per wear/evaluation sheet and include a picture.

2025 INDOOR JUDGING PROCESS

We are looking forward to seeing all your hard work come together at the Woodson County Fair. The judging process will be a little different this year. All indoor projects, except for clothing, will be in the Community Building on Thursday, July 17th. You will come with all your projects by club.:

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Piqua (*must arrive by 5:45p.m.*)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 3-N-1 (*must arrive by 6:45p.m.*)

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Eager Beavers (*must arrive by 7:45*)

NEW FOR 2025! HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

There is a new opportunity to shine with your animal care. This contest will be judged as a club exhibit and each club/chapter represented will compete for the award. **Species included:** beef, dairy, swine, goats, sheep, rabbits, and poultry will be judged throughout the fair. Inspections unannounced and unscheduled, but not during any livestock show. **Scoring Includes:**

Attractiveness – 25 points; pens and group properly identified with exhibitor names and stall card info.

Exhibits organized, attractive, and eye-catching.

Management – 25 points; clean animals and pens, neat tack storage out of public way, animal care and handling, good sportsmanship, and public courtesy.

Safety – 25 points; members implement safe practices for public and animals including proper penning, regular animal checks and clear walkways.

Cleanliness – 25 points; pens, walkways, and trash around barns.



COMMUNITY BUILDING STAGE DECORATIONS

CLUB ASSIGNMENT

This role is rotated each year among clubs. Piqua 4-H Club is asked to add decorations to the background/stage area of the Community Building. Decorations must be in place by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 16th. Please let Tara know if you need help coordinating them to open the building.

PREMIUM SALE

The Premium Sale is **NON-TERMINAL**. With new state rules, animals can be sold in premium auctions and still be taken to the State Fair/KJLS. This does not change anything with the way the sale functions, the buyer will still get the first choice of the animal if they buy the premium. Please keep this risk in mind when deciding which animals to sell.

