REGIONAL 4-H DAY
4-Her’s receiving a Top Blue placing at District 4-H Day will be invited to attend Regionals March 6th. The event will be held virtually the same as 4-H Day was held.

NATURE AND THE POLLINATORS
Learn about the special pollinators and explore nature by attending this Nature and the Pollinators workshop. There will be guest speakers, activities, snacks, and crafts. Lunch will also be provided. There is a $10 fee to participate in the workshop. This is for youth ages 7-11. Masks and social distancing will be required. Date: March 18th. Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.) Location: K-State Research and Extension, Southwind District – Iola, 1006 N. State Street, Iola, KS 66749. Fee: $10 Registration & fee payment due by March 10th. Space is limited. Register at: https://forms.gle/7DnqGLeHUUN7maHy5

FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE JUDGING SPRING CONTEST
Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 Time: 7:00 a.m. - Midnight. Location: Online, March 2, an e-mail will be sent to all families with class resources and activities to help you prepare for the contest. The link is: https://conta.cc/3bvZftk. The Family Consumer Science Judging contest classes will focus on Leadership, Dog and Pet Care, and Clothing and Apparel. The contest link will be e-mailed to all families April 1. It will also be in the April 4-H newsletter and on the Southwind Website. If you have any questions, please contact Joy Miller at 620-223-3720 or joymiller@ksu.edu

WALK KANSAS
Walk Kansas will be Fit-Tastic! this year. Date: March 28- May 22 Registration: starts March 8 Walk Kansas is beginning 2 weeks later than usually this year. Youth are free to participate in Walk Kansas. If your 4-H club would like to create a team, the adult who serves as a team captain registration will be waived. A reminder that an e-mail cannot be used for multiple accounts and a parent must complete the participation form. This year, youth will receive a 12345 Fit-Tastic! newsletter each week. The newsletter will focus on healthy habits: 1 hour physical activity, 2 hours or less of screen time, 3 servings milk, 4 servings water, 5 servings vegetables. It will also include activities, a recipe, and the kitchen tool how to’s. Questions or youth registration discount code, contact Joy Miller at 620-223-3720 or joymiller@ksu.edu

4-H AMBASSADOR TRAINING-VIRTUAL
Virtual training will be offered on the following dates: March 23 - 6:30 p.m. Topics: The Role of the 4-H Ambassador, First Impressions and Networking March 30 - 6:30 p.m. Topics: Promotion to non 4-H Audiences, Relationship Building and Promotional Materials. We will also be holding a meeting for 4-H Ambassador Advisors on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. We are looking for a few new Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team Members. Applications can be found at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/action-teams/ambassadors.html Volunteers, teens and Extension staff are welcome to apply.

K-STATE JUNIOR MEAT GOAT EVENT
We are excited to have you join us to learn about your meat goat project! All participants need to register. This includes both youth and adults. https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8nPTtFq4JHZHtFX Registered attendees will be emailed the program details and links in the days leading up to the event. Please make sure to include an email address that a member of your family checks on a regular basis. All participants will need access to reliable internet. Each session will be recorded and posted at the conclusion of each day, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows. We look forward to seeing you March 15-20, 2021!

2021 KANSAS 4-H DISCOVERY DAYS
Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually. The event will be held on June 1-4, 2021. Be sure to save the date. More information coming soon.
GRAND DRIVE SCHOLARSHIP
The Kansas State Fair is now accepting applications for their Grand Drive Scholarship program. The link is http://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/participate/grand-drive-scholarships1?fbclid=IwAR1PuZMW2aXUktTG12Mu5fJ9f2Lv3rOillRdSHyDH20l7nC9Vx6mN6CLDs Applications are due April 15, 2021. Please contact the Kansas State Fair directly with any questions regarding the application process.

KSU CATTLEMEN'S DAY
The 2021 KSU Cattlemen’s Day will be hosted virtually on Friday, March 5, 2021. Visit: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/beef/ for online registration and more information.

KANSAS 4-H DOG SHOW RULE BOOK AVAILABLE
The new Kansas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book is now available in the KSRE Bookstore at https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Item.aspx?catId=746&pubId=23480 This publication is intended as a guide for 4-H’ers, 4-H leaders, county extension agents, show managers, parents, and judges. This rule book is designed to help establish uniform regulations and procedures for the 4-H dog shows and events throughout the state.

HORSE LEVELS TESTING
The Level 1 Achievement test is required for all youth to participate in District and State Horse Shows. Ask your local Extension Office for more details.

HORSE ID CERTIFICATES
A reminder that all Horse ID certificates are due May 1 to your local Extension Office. 4-Her’s that intend to participate at the State 4-H Horse Show should transition to the January 2020 certificate, found at: https://www.kansas4-H.org/projects/animals/docs/horse/P1039%20Horse%20ID%20Form%20Fillable.pdf

VIRTUAL STATE 4-H HORSE PANORAMA
In partnership with the Horse Action Team, all divisions of Panorama will be moved to a virtual format. The current schedule is as follows with specific times released along with additional registration details: Digital Uploads (Photography, Logo, Poster, Power Point, Ad Layout, Exhibition Model Horse Show) - Uploads will open March 26 and close April 7. Judging will begin after April 7 with feedback given to youth. Hippology- April 10 Quiz Bowl Preliminaries via Qualtrics- April 10 Quiz Bowl Finals via Zoom- April 11. Public Speaking, Demonstration, & Project Talks- Zoom with judges by scheduled date/time, April 10-14. Sign-ups will be available. It will be the participant’s responsibility to make sure they have access to reliable internet to fully participate in each contest. With the online format, we want to remind participants that an important aspect of youth development is practicing integrity and character development. While we have included securities for each event, youth need to practice the fairness pillar and adhere to the honor system. This event is sanctioned by K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) and therefore is subject to their guidelines and policies. KSRE has the right to modify contest policies/rules at any time including but not limited to cancellation.

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST
The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest has been rescheduled to Friday, April 23rd in Hutchinson at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. The contest will consist of both Intermediate and Senior 4-H Divisions spread out in both Expo I and Expo II. Division entries will be limited based on first come first serve. Due to the limitation, registration opening will be repeatedly publicized in advance. Further details, including contest times, will be released soon. This event is sanctioned by K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) and therefore is subject to their guidelines and policies. KSRE has the right to modify contest policies/rules at any time including but not limited to cancellation.
SEEKING KANSAS 4-H HOST FAMILIES FOR SUMMER JAPANESE YOUTH EXCHANGE

Japan and Kansas 4-H youth have a 40 year history of building connections and exchanging culture over Kansas summers. Even though we were not able to exercise this option in 2020, we are planning to host the In-Bound Kansas 4-H Japan Youth Exchange program in summer 2021. There will be limited family opportunities to host youth in 2021 due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, only Japan youth are available for Kansas host families. The benefits of global exchange programs to our Kansas 4-H families include learning about new languages, customs, foods, values, beliefs, and the ability to create lifelong friendships across the globe. If you are interested in serving as a host family for a Japanese delegate or chaperone, please contact Pam Van Horn at pvanhorn@ksu.edu. Please note that any KSRE program or event is subject to change based on COVID guidelines in 2021.

IFYE LIMITED EXCHANGES IN 2021

IFYE is our exchange for 4-H alumni and other young adults over 18. As of mid-February, IFYE USA will conduct inbound exchanges if it is deemed safe to do so by June. Several partner countries have already decided to cancel exchanges. Kansas hopes to send outbounds, so we expect to host some young adults between June and September for 2-3 week periods. Contact IFYE Host Family Coordinator Chelsy Champlin at 785-248-6131 or chelsycoen@gmail.com.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

BEEF WEIGH-IN & TAGGING

All steers and commercial (crossbred) heifers must be weighed and tagged to be eligible to show at the Allen County Fair. Tags will cost $4 per tag. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 3 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. OR Friday, March 5th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Iola. *NEW for 2021 - Due to COVID safety protocols, only the exhibitor(s) and one parent of the animals being processed will be allowed out of their vehicle, and everyone must wear a mask. Remain in your vehicle until it is your turn to unload. Registered heifers do not need to be tagged.

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. No winner may receive it more than once and it is not renewable. Specific details and the application can be found on the Southwind Extension District website, 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 on the Southwind Extension District website, www.southwind.k-state.edu.
BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

MARKET SPRING TAG-IN
4-H/FFA members may tag as many animals as they wish but after the 2 allowed tags per specie members will be charged $3.00 per tag. Please bring exact change or a check and return payment to the Extension Agent in charge of Market Spring Tag-in.

KSF/KJLS and OTHER NATIONAL NOMINATIONS
Families receiving nomination stickers during Market Spring Tag-in must pay the $4.00 nomination fee. Make checks payable to: Livestock Account. Please return payment to the Extension Agent in charge of Market Spring Tag-in.

BOURBON COUNTY BORN NOMINATIONS
A completed form and $10.00 nomination fee per beef and $5.00 nomination fee per Meat Goat, Sheep and Swine is due the day of Market Spring Tag-in. NO LATE FORMS OR FEES WILL BE ACCEPTED. All nominations received after Spring Tag-in will be returned. Make checks payable to: Bourbon County Fair Board Association Inc. Please return forms and payment to the Extension Agent in charge of Market Spring Tag-in.

BEEF TAG-IN & WEIGHING
Choose the location that works best for you. We will cooperate with your schedule and appreciate advance notice of your need for an earlier or later weigh in on the weigh in dates because of work or school activities. Only the animals that weigh-in and tag in Fort Scott are eligible for the Rate of Gain.

Wednesday, April 28
Fort Scott, Bourbon County Fairgrounds
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 30
Uniontown, High School Parking Lot
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

*NEW for 2021 - Due to COVID safety protocols, only the exhibitor(s) and one parent of the animals being processed will be allowed out of their vehicle, and everyone must wear a mask. Remain in your vehicle until it is your turn to unload.

PROGRAM FEE SPONSOR
New this year, 4-H members could have the $15.00 4-H Program Fee paid thanks to a generous donation by Larry and Kathleen Gilliland. The Gilliland's completed the Monsanto America's Farmers Grow Communities Bayer Fund. There are three major requirements to be eligible: 1) attend a minimum of 7 club meetings, 2) submit a complete MIG Book, and 3) submit at least one Project Record Report.

FAIR THEME SELECTED BY COUNCIL
The 2021 Bourbon County Fair theme is "Fun for the Whole Herd"

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

BEEF TAGGING
The date for beef tagging has been set for Sunday, March 7th from 1-2:30 p.m. at SEK Genetics, Galesburg. Beef animals that need a tag include market steers and feeder beef. Breeding heifers and bucket calves DO NOT need to be tagged or weighed. The cost of each tag is $4.00. Please bring exact change or a check.

COVID-19 protocols: Only one parent and 4-H member(s) exhibiting the project are to be in the facility. All others, stay inside the vehicle. Masks are required. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Harding.
FAIR THEME SELECTED BY COUNCIL
The 2021 County Fair theme is "Fair-adise" focusing on a beach or Hawaiian perspective.

COUNCIL APPROVES PROGRAM FEE COVERAGE
4-H Council voted to continue the Program Fee Sponsorship for 2021-2022. There are three major requirements to be eligible: 1) attend a minimum of 6 club meetings, 2) submit a complete MIG Book, and 3) submit at least one Project Record Report.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS
No news submitted