



**4-H NEWSLETTER MAY 2025**



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**SUMMER ACTIVITY FUNDS AVAILABLE**

4-H Members did you know you can complete an application for a scholarship to attend summer 4-H activities? Stop by your local Extension Office and pick up an application or find the Southwind 4-H Event Scholarship Form online [Here](#).

**HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION**

Each year, there is required paperwork that each 4-H'er must have on each horse they plan to exhibit at a 4-H Horse Show. The paperwork required are the Horse ID certificate and proof of negative Coggins test certificate (within the last 12 months). The Horse ID Certificate is due to your local Extension Office by June 1. An Extension Agent will sign the certificate and make a copy of it to have on hand in the office. The negative Coggins Test certificate will need to be on hand along with your Horse ID Certificate at the day of check-in at the 4-H Horse Show. Please don't wait until last minute to complete these documents. You can find the document [Here](#).

**MAY ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING**

Our May Entomology project meeting will be on May 10th beginning at 1:00 p.m. starting at the Allen County Extension Office Meeting Room. We will be going out and trying to collect some insect specimens. Bring your nets, kill jars and specimen containers.

**MAY STEM PROJECT MEETINGS**

Learn about Circuitry and Motion/Breadboards and Arduinos. This month we'll continue working with our breadboard components and Arduinos to bring power and motion to our robotics project. Lots of hands-on learning! All major project supplies are provided. All ages and experience levels welcome!

**INSECT SPECTACULAR 2025**

Registration will be from April 26 to May 26. For more information visit [Here](#).

**PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEETINGS**

May 13 – Photo Solutions/Problem solving  
June 10 – Cropping/Preparing your photo for fair  
July 8/15 – Mounting photos for fair  
Please RSVP each month. We need to have at least 5 4-Hers at each meeting to hold the meeting.  
Zion Lutheran Church 1202 W. Main Chanute, KS,  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. For more information or to RSVP text Susan Stich sstich12.ss@gmail.com or call her at 620-212-2943.

**2025 PHOTOGRAPHY SHUTTERBUG EVENTS**

4-H Photography Members of all ages interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using a smart phone to take great pictures. Various workshop classes will take place across Botanica to help youth learn a variety of techniques. Youth in attendance will need to attend with a screened volunteer, parent/guardian or extension agent. For more information visit [Here](#).

## **DISCOVERY DAYS- BUILDING A MINDEST FOR LEADERSHIP**

**When:** June 4-6, 2025.

**Who:** Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2024 are invited to register.

**Cost:** \$235; Some class sessions may have additional fees associated. Register [Here](#). Closes May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **4-H SUMMER CONTEST – SAVE THE DATES!**

Youth Livestock Day: June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Iola.

Youth Challenge Day: June 12<sup>th</sup> at Emporia.

## **SOUTHWIND JUDGING CAMP**

Improve judging skills, enhance reasons scores, learn about livestock skillathon, quiz bowl and meats judging. Bourbon County Fairgrounds June 17-18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 which includes materials, lunches and snacks. Register by calling your local Extension Office by June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **YQCA CERTIFICATION INFORMATION**

All youth who plan to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS should complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training at their earliest convenience. It is required for all exhibitors at both state shows. This is an annual training. Those submitting state livestock nominations must have completed their certification at the time of nomination and submit a copy of their completion certificate, valid through 10/5/2025. Instructor-led trainings are \$3/child, while the web-based course is \$12/child. Youth who are 12 or 15 years old by January 1 are eligible to test out. Only those two ages have the option to test out, as it is the first year of each age division. The YQCA staff has created resources to help guide families in registering for training and printing their completion certificates. They include Help Docs, as well as videos, which are posted on the YQCA Program website and linked to the YQCA tab of the KSU Youth Livestock Program page. Those completing the web-based course are encouraged to use Google Chrome to reduce the potential of technical difficulties. For more information about YQCA certification, visit <https://yqcaprogram.org/> contact your local Extension Office or Lexie Hayes [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu).

## **YOUTH LIVESTOCK EVENTS**

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

## **2025 STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATION**

The information for state livestock nominations has been released. Information may be found under the "Nomination Information" tab on the youth livestock website [Here](#).

## **POULTRY INFORMATION**

Birds exhibited at county fair in the Southwind District that originate 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 state you will be required to text within 90 days of the fair or show proof of clean flock certificate.

## **FEEDING YOUR FUTURE SUMMER CAMP 2025**

Get ready to gain experience growing, harvesting and milling grains into ingredients used to produce baked goods as well as animal and pet food. Industry partners will share job opportunities, career paths and income potential alongside K-State faculty and students. You'll tour K-State's feed and flour mills, bake labs and agronomy research farms, network with peers, and gain an appreciation for food and feed production. Camp is \$75 per student and covers 4 nights in a K-State residence hall, all meals and a Saturday brunch for up to two guests or family members, \$15 for each additional brunch guest. Camp is scheduled for July 22-26, 2025. Register [Here](#).

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR 48 HOURS OF 4-H**

Join us this fall to see how much we can give back to our communities! 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 Webpage](#)

## **FAIR ENTRIES**

\*All fair entries will be made on the Fair Entry System beginning June 15 through July 1.

\*Entries will not be accepted after Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

## **SAVE THE DATE: KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO**

The Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will be held Thursday, August 7, 2025 at the South Hutchinson Community Building. Tours are being finalized and registration information will be out soon. 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 have the opportunity to 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.



## **ALLEN COUNTY NEWS**

### **ALLEN COUNTY FAIR**

Allen County Fair is scheduled for July 24-28. This year, the theme is: Tropical "Fair"adise

### **4-H DAY CAMP**

The tentative date is set for June 13th at the Extension Office Meeting room. More details to come. Any older 4-H'ers who would like to help are encouraged to reach out to Jennifer.

### **FRIENDS OF 4-H DINNER DETAILS**

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

## **BOURBON COUNTY NEWS**

### **BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

4-H Council will meet Wednesday, May 28 at the Hubenett Pavilion. This will be the last meeting before the Bourbon County Fair.

### **BOURBON COUNTY FAIR**

Fair is scheduled for July 12-19, 2025. The Fair theme is "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 4-H Club Displays

### **BOURBON COUNTY FAIR PAPER**

The 2025 fair paper will be published in the Fort Scott Tribune Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The schedule will also be located on the Southwind website

### **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.

### **OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR FAIR 4-H AWARDS**

There are a few awards needing sponsors for the 2025 Fair, these are \$30.00 each. Please let the office know if you are interested in sponsoring or you may e-mail [ikterrell@ksu.edu](mailto:ikterrell@ksu.edu). Thank you!

- Reserve Champion – Agronomy
- Reserve Champion – Fiber Arts
- Reserve Champion – Overall Miscellaneous
- Champion 3 years or less – Photography
- Reserve Champion 3 years or less – Photography
- Champion 4-7 years – Photography
- Reserve Champion 4-7 years – Photography
- Champion 8 or more years – Photography
- Reserve Champion 8 or more years – Photography
- Champion - Robotics
- Champion – Small Engines

## **NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS**

### **NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR**

Fair is scheduled for July 24-28. The fair theme this year is "Boots and Bling, It's a Mardi Gras". 4-H members are encouraged to use Mardi Gras decorations for all Livestock Stall Entries, Poultry and Rabbit Exhibits, 4-H Club Banners and 4-H Booth Displays.

### **RABBIT EXHIBITION CHANGE**

In order 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.

### **NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR BOARD WORK DAYS**

The Neosho County Fair Board has scheduled work days for 4-Hers and volunteers to gather and prepare the grounds for events and the fair. You are encouraged to participate. Full letter from the board was emailed to you December 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions contact Justin Kramer, Fair Board President at 620-820-3510. The next Saturday date, starting at 8:00 a.m.: **June 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **4-H SHOWCASE**

Neosho County 4-H Development Fund will be sponsoring the 4-H Showcase at the county fair. We had great participation last year and are anticipating the same in 2025. Booth theme should showcase 4-H Promotion. This could be a display about joining 4-H, a particular project or a community service activity that the club has participated in. Cash awards will be paid as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$400, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$350,  
4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$300, 5<sup>th</sup> Place - \$250, 6<sup>th</sup> Place - \$200  
7<sup>th</sup> Place - \$100

### **CLEAN-UP BEFORE FAIR ASSIGNMENTS**

All buildings must be ready by Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Please weed eat around your areas 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**

It's that time of year to select your candidates. The Royalty Contest is a special contest to help raise money for Neosho County 4-H Council to use for special activities and events, such as paying for the event scholarships, achievement banquet, etc. Royalty details and the questionnaire form for candidates are located [Here](#). Please have your club royalty contestant list to Tara by June 20<sup>th</sup>. [tsolomon@ksu.edu](mailto:tsolomon@ksu.edu), or by calling 620-244-3826. Contestant questionnaires are due July 11th, and money will be due July 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY FUN CLASS THEME FOR 2025**

All ages.

Theme: Celebrations

Not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion

## **WOODSON COUNTY NEWS**

### **WOODSON COUNTY FAIR**

Woodson County Fair is scheduled for July 18-21. The fair theme this year is "BARN in the USA".

### **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 3 over all cash awards sponsored by the Woodson County Chamber of Commerce and Woodson County Farm Bureau, Sharla Miller, Financial Agent. The Chamber of Commerce requests access to use winning photos.





### **OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR FAIR 4-H AWARDS:**

Awards needing sponsors for the 2025 Fair, these are \$25.00 each. Please let the office know if you are interested in sponsoring or you may email [tsolomon@ksu.edu](mailto:tsolomon@ksu.edu). Thank you!

- Champion Junior Horse Showman
- Champion Senior Horse Showman
- Champion Boys Shopping in Style, Intermediate
- Champion Boys Shopping in Style, Junior
- Grand Champion Boys Shopping in Style

### **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.

