DATES TO REMEMBER:

May
3 – Sunny Hills Camp Reg. Due
5 – District Sheep Mtg. @ Erie
8 – SWD Livestock Camp @ Erie
11 – Entomology Mtg. @ Chanute
22 – YQCA Certification @ Erie
23 – YQCA Certification @ FS.
24 – Photography & Horticulture Judging Practice @ Iola
29-31 – Discovery Days
27 – Offices Closed/Memorial Day

June
5-8 – 4-H Camp, Sunny Hills
6 – Photography & Horticulture Judging Practice - @ Iola
17 – SWD Judging Camp @ FS.
17 – District Sheep Mtg. @ Erie
18-19 – Greenbush 4-H Camp
20 – SWD Livestock Contest @YC.
23-26 – Campference
23 – District Sheep Mtg. @ Erie
24 – Food Practice Judging @YC.
25 – Food Practice Judging @ Erie
27 – Food Practice Judging @ FS.
27 – District Horse Show
30 – District Sheep Mtg. @ Erie

COUNCIL FAIR DATES

Allen: July 25-29
Bourbon: July 13-20
Neosho: July 25-29
Woodson: July 13-17

EXTENSION OFFICES

Erie: 620-244-3826
Fort Scott: 620-223-3720
Iola: 620-365-2242
Yates Center: 620-625-8620
Website: www.southwind.ksu.edu
Facebook: Southwind Extension District

CAMPERENCE 2019
This is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. Detailed information is on the State 4-H Website. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, Registration is due online by May 15 and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR CLASS

2019
We Are Proud of You!
Madelynn Ard
Brooklyn Borton
Jonathan Dulling
Mikaela Friend
Chance Fuhrman
Shayla Goulding
Isaac Gilligan
Ethan Gough
A.J. Hagerman
Maria Jimenez
Aaron King
Jenna Kramer
Tyler Kueser
Allie Pringle
Zoe Rinehart
Haydon Schauf
Tarah Stockebrand
Kaylee Taylor
Madison Taylor
Taylor Thompson
Kole Wagner
Devan Walker
Katie Weide
Jordan Weseloh
Dawn Weyrich
Sarah Weyrich
Victoria White

CONGRATULATIONS STATE KAP WINNERS!

Clay Brillhart – Sheep
Brody Nemeczek – Self Determined

SPRING SHOWS
Did you know there are four different opportunities within the Southwind District to show your animals? For a complete listing of up-coming spring shows, go to the Southwind website www.southwind.ksu.edu Click on 4-H Youth Development in the left hand column, then click on Spring Shows. You can also find shows listed for dogs, rabbits and other animal projects.

SUNNY HILLS 4-H CAMP
Camp is for those 4-H’ers who are between the ages of 7 and 9. Dates are June 18 & 19. Camp will cost $75. Registration deadline is May 10th and the form is available at https://www.southwind.k-state.edu/camps/

SUNNY HILLS CAMP COUNSELORS WANTED
4-H members must be sophomore complete. Applications can be found on the Southwind website or at the office. Due back to the Extension office by May 3rd. Counselor training will be held the day prior to camp, June 4th. This is a great opportunity to learn more about being a leader.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST & PRACTICES
If you are interested in learning more about livestock judging, skillathon and quiz bowl please plan to join us for these fun and informational meetings! No experience necessary and all ages of 4-H members are welcome.

May 8, 15, 22 - 4pm, in Erie at the Extension Office, 111 S. Butler.
May 29 – 4p.m., Allen County Fairgrounds
June 17 - Southwind Livestock Camp, Fort Scott, Bourbon County Fairgrounds
June 20 – Southeast Area Livestock Contests, Yates Center
If you need transportation, please let us know and we will try to coordinate travel.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND HORTICULTURE JUDGING
Want to learn more about Photography and Horticulture Judging? Attend volunteer-led practices to get an idea of what to expect from judging contests. Mark your calendars for the following practices to be held at the Allen County Courthouse Meeting Room (Basement).

Photography:
May 24 from 10:00 -11:00 a.m.
June 6 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Horticulture:
May 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
June 6 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm
**2019 STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS**

DNA hair samples are required for commercial breeding animals that you are planning to show at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. DNA envelopes and nomination forms are available at the Extension office. Forms are also available at www.yqca.ksu.edu.

Contact your local Extension Office if you have questions. Nomination fee per animal is $8 and is due June 15. Postmark deadlines are firm. Any nomination envelope or package received must have a visible postmark prior to the deadline, or it will not be accepted. It is also important to note that June 15 is a Saturday this year, so families should be cautious in waiting until the deadline to submit their nominations. Sending nominations via certified mail is highly encouraged. Families are also encouraged to use the check list provided for each specie to make sure their nominations are complete. Incomplete or incorrect nominations will be returned to the family and cost $20 to correct.

**STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK TEAMS SELECTION**

Southwind is allowed 4 teams at all state judging contest. Livestock teams will be selected by scores and participation in the following events:

- Southeast Area Contest.
- Allen, Bourbon and Neosho County Fair livestock judging contests (must complete in at least one).
- Attendance in 3 practices before the County Fair.

4-H age: Eligibility for an out of state trip, participants must be 14 years or older as of January 1. To be clear, each county will submit their top 4 individuals from the above events, which will give us 16 individuals eligible for the 4 teams during the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes. From those 16 youth, composite teams will be determined based on contest scores, practice participation and agent/coach discretion.

**K-STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP**

Juding camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members age 14-18 who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary. Workouts will be conducted similar to those at a collegiate level. Chris Mullinix, KSU livestock judging team coach, will conduct the training for each camp. Camp will focus primarily on the proper format, terminology, and presentation of oral reasons. Participants will also be exposed to livestock evaluation skills and incorporating performance records in the decision making process. Camps will be June 3-5, June 11-13 and June 14-16. Southwind District 4-H members who are interested in attending contact Carla Nemeczek 620-365-2242, cnemecek@ksu.edu.

**4-H FOOD PRACTICE JUDGING**

FCE Agent Kathy McEwan will be available during the schedule below to help 4-H members prepare for the fair. Bring 1 non-perishable food item for a “practice judging” to learn what the judges look for and what the standards are for non-perishable foods. This event will be come and go or come and stay as long as you like to listen and learn from others. If you have questions, contact Kathy at 620-365-2242 or kmcewan@ksu.edu.

**4-H CLOVERBUDS AND SPRING SHOWS**

Cloverbuds was designed for 5 & 6 year olds and is activity focused, rather than project focused. Cloverbuds may not participate in any competitive 4-H event, but they may showcase their exhibits at fairs and public events, but they may not own and/or show 4-H livestock.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR 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 and join the 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge, October 12-13, 2019. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! By starting to discuss and plan now, you can find the perfect project for your group and engage important partners. More information will be shared in the coming months.
ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT
The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th at the Chanute High School at 2:00 p.m. Go around to the back of the school and there will be a yellow sign up by the door to come in. All counties are welcome. For more information contact Vicky at 620-804-9170.

ENTOMOLOGY INSECT SPECTACULAR
The 2019 Kansas State Fair 4-H Insect Spectacular is for all youth, beginning through advanced. The event will be held at the Kansas Wetlands Educational Center, Northeast of Great Bend, June 21 & 22, 2019. At least one parent must register and attend with child.

KANSAS STATE FAIR
The 2019 Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbooks are now on the State 4-H website https://ww w.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/Kansas-state-fair/index.html

4-H ACADEMY EXPLORE YOUR PATHWAY
4-H Academy offers engaging and exciting activities and challenges that will guide you through adventures to the capstone finale where you and your explorer team share exhilarating discoveries. 4-H Academy is for youth age 13 and older and will be held June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Registration will open April 16 and remain open until May 15 or the sessions are full. Register for one of the pathways at https://www.kansas4hfoundatio n.org/4hacademycamp

SOUTHWIND T-SHIRTS
The Fort Scott Extension Office has a few of the Southwind District 4-H T-Shirts for sale $10.00.
1 - Youth X Large
4 – Adult Small
4 – Adult Medium
4 – Adult Large

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETITION
Competition has been part of 4-H since the beginning; however sometimes we wonder, how does youth development fit when the competition overshadows the outcome. We can start by understanding competitive events are a valuable part of demonstrating mastery and provides an opportunity for youth to receive evaluation and feedback on their project. It is from participation in competitive events which 4-H youth learn to make and define decisions and public speaking abilities. In competitive events, 4-H cannot overlook the value of the learning process the youth has gone through in making or raising the project to only focusing on winning the top prize. Many principles determine the youth development aspect of the project such as age appropriateness, skill improvement and learning progression. Through 4-H's mission, unique strategies and opportunities are provided to engage youth in reaching their full individual potential through partnerships with caring adults. Although, this learning needs to reflect the young person's maturity within the project area rather than the adult's abilities, therefore, when competition is the main purpose of the event such as the fair, it must be understood that competition in these 4-H events is secondary to the education and development of the youth participants.

TRACTOR SAFETY
If you are age 14 or 15 planning to do farm work, and it is for someone other than a parent or guardian, you must take a tractor safety course following the U.S. Department of Labor requirements before you can be employed. Tractor Safety will be held in Fort Scott on May, 21, 2019 at the John Deere Building, 2223 S. Horton Street, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cost is $20/person payable at the door. Fees cover dinner and materials. Register by May 17 by calling the Fort Scott Extension Office 620-223-3720

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY 4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS
Allen County 4-H Council will offer a $50 scholarship to attend Discovery Days, Sunny Hills 4-H Camp, Campference, or any other State 4-H camp for any 4-H member in good standing. Scholarship applications are available in the Extension Office or on the Southwind website. The funds for this scholarship are generated through the work you do in the Concession Stand during the Allen County Fair.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
If you look in the March Newsletter, you will see details on the Gwen E. Wilson and Miles Kessinger Scholarships that are available to 4-H members from Allen County. Currently, no one has applied for either of these scholarships and we believe there are 4-H members who will be attending Allen Community College or Kansas State University this coming fall who could benefit from these scholarships. We encourage you to consider taking advantage of this opportunity, and do not leave money on the table that IS available to you! Applications are due by May 1st and can be found on the Southwind website.

POULTRY & RABBIT PROJECT MEMBERS
Square B 4-H Member, Levi Meiwes, will be holding an informational meeting for all members in the poultry and rabbit projects on May 18th at 6:30pm in Riverside Park at the South Pavilion. He has some ideas about restarting the Furs and Feathers Club.

FAIRGROUNDS SPRING CLEAN-UP
It's time to clean up the fairgrounds for the Riverside Classic Spring Livestock show! There are a lot of leaves in the show arena and some trash that needs picked up around the barns. As families bring in their animals for weigh-in we would ask that they due a few things to help with clean-up. Please bring rakes, shovels, etc. to make the cleaning easier.