



4-H NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025

FAIR ENTRIES

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

There will be no exceptions for late entries. Please make sure you devote some time to completing your entries for the fair.

FAIRENTRY LINKS:

Allen County:

<http://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/21603>

Bourbon County:

<http://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/21604>

Neosho County:

<http://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/21605>

Woodson County:

<http://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/21606>

SOUHWIND DISTRICT COUNTY FAIR PAPERS

County Fair information is now located on the Southwind website under the Fairs tab [Here](#).

SUMMER ACTIVITY FUNDS AVAILABLE

4-H Members, did you know you can complete an application for a scholarship to attend summer 4-H activities? Find the Southwind 4-H Event Scholarship Form online [Here](#).

KANSAS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*Abigail Meiwes, Allen County – Evelyn N. Nelson Educational Scholarship

*Aidan Yoho, Woodson County – June Beaver 4-H Scholarship

*Sophia Barlow, Allen County – Gwen E. Wilson 4-H Scholarship

*Gwenyth Fry, Bourbon County – Goppert Southeast 4-H Scholarship

*Byron Fry, Bourbon County – Thomas M Potter II 4-H Scholarship

STATE 4-H PROJECT AWARD WINNER

Congratulations! Kyser Nemecek Self-Determined, Southwind District, Allen County

4-H CLOVERBUDS

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 fair and public events. Cloverbuds are not to own and/or show 4-H livestock. All Cloverbud members will receive a Cloverbud participant ribbon for their fair exhibit.

SOUTHEAST AREA LIVESTOCK CONTEST

Contest: Livestock & Meats Judging, Skillathon

Date: June 3, 2025

Location: Riverside Park, Iola, KS

Cost: \$10.00 per contestant due at check-in

Pre-register by calling your local Extension Office.

There will be a drawing for participants. For every event you participate in, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$100.

SOUTHWIND JUDGING CAMP - DATE CHANGE

Improve judging skills, enhance reasons scores, learn about livestock skillathon, quiz bowl and meats judging. Bourbon County Fairgrounds June 18 & 19, 2025, 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 6th.

2025 STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATION DUE JUNE 15

The information for state livestock nominations may be found under the "Nomination Information" tab on the youth livestock website [Here](#). Breeding heifers, goats, sheep, and swine due June 15th

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 text within 90 days of the fair or show proof of a clean flock certificate.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK EVENTS

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

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 training courses 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEETINGS

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](mailto:ssstich12.ss@gmail.com) or call her at 620-212-2943.

JUNE ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

The June Entomology project meeting will be on June 14th. Hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate with good weather. Please note the time change - we will meet at 1:30 p.m. The location will be Vicky's home 2447 40th Road, Humboldt, KS. We will be going out and trying to collect some insect specimens. Bring your nets, kill jars and specimen containers. You will want to wear long pants and enclosed shoes. If you want to try to wade in the shallow water of the pond or creek to catch water insects, you will need mud boots. You might want to bring a change of clothes - just in case you get wet and/or muddy. Insect spray and sunscreen are recommended. Call Vicky at (620)804-9170 if you need further directions to her house.

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. The contest is hosted for the day by the Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources. 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](#).

SOUTHEAST REGION 4-H YOUTH CHALLENGE DAY

Judging Contests: Crops, Photography, Family & Consumer Science and Horticulture.

Favorite Foods Show: (local SE Ext. unit winners)

Date: Thursday, June 12, Anderson Building on Lyon County Fairgrounds, Emporia Kansas

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Age: 9-18 before January 1 of the current year.

Cost: \$10.00/person- may judge as many contests as you would like. For every contest a 4-Her participates in, their name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$100.

Transportation is limited. Please let your local Extension Office know.



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.

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.

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](#)

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.

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.

DANISH SYSTEM

Did you know all exhibits receive a ribbon at the County Fair? Exhibits are judged in comparison with an ideal standard, not to each other. Exhibits are placed in five ribbon groups.

Purple: Outstand on all standards.

Blue: Exceeds the minimum standard; may have minor flaws where improvements can be.

Red: Meets all minimum standards; there may be visible signs of needed improvements.

White: Meets minimum standards; obvious improvements needed.

Green: Failed to meet minimum standards; a participation ribbon.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

4-H DAY CAMP-JUNE 13TH

Camp will be from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting room. Registration closes on June 6th. Any older 4-H'ers who would like to help are encouraged to reach out to Jennifer.

ALLEN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will be June 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office.

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR

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

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 Lola 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.

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 15-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 get in touch with 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.

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

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.

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.



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.

JUDGEING CONTEST AT THE COUNTY FAIR

The following judging contest will take place on Wednesday, July 16, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

*Family and Consumer Sciences

*Horticulture

*Crops

*Photography

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. Thank you!

- Agronomy - Reserve Champion
- Fiber Arts - Reserve Champion
- Overall Miscellaneous - Reserve Champion
- Photography - 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
- Robotics - Champion
- Small Engines – Champion

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

PHOTOGRAPHY FUN CLASS THEME FOR 2025

All ages.

Theme: Celebrations

Not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion

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

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 20th.

tsolomon@ksu.edu, or by calling 620-244-3826.

Contestant questionnaires are due July 11th, and money will be due July 21st.

CLOTHING & FIBER ARTS TUESDAY, JULY 22ND, NEOSHO VALLEY EVENT CENTER

Full details will be emailed and in the July newsletter. Please note that the Shopping in Style project is limited to three outfits, however they can be any type of outfit.

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 Sewing & Textile Designed Garments and Fiber Arts judge between outfits or before modeling. Please arrive with your sewing & textile designed garment or fiber art no later than 6:30 p.m.

BEEF & BUCKET CALF PROJECT MEETINGS

Jill Kepley, county-wide beef project leader, has set the following project meetings at the fairgrounds.

- June 6th – 6-6:30 pm – bucket calves; 6:30-8:00 pm – steers/heifers
- June 13th - 6-6:30 pm – bucket calves; 6:30-8:00 pm – steers/heifers
- June 20th - 6-6:30 pm – bucket calves; 6:30-8:00 pm – steers/heifers

If you have questions, please give Jill a call 620-432-1383.

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*)

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

You may now sign up for a judging time [Here](#).

If there are no longer slots available please email Tara at tsolomon@ksu.edu or call 620-244-3826.

Favorite Food Contest available again.

You will have an opportunity to participate in this during the foods judging at the fair. The Favorite Foods Show was developed to help 4-H members learn valuable skills in table setting, planning a menu, and food preparation. It is important for participants to identify a theme, a menu that compliments the theme, and a favorite food item from the menu selected. Full details may be found [Here](#). Items needed for the Favorite Food Show:

- * Card table (we will not provide them)
- * Proper table setting for one (the judge)
- * Menu * Recipe card for favorite food
- * Sample of your favorite food for one to be on display (judge will not sample due to the potential of safety concerns)
- * Anything else you might need

This event is a conference style judging; it is important for participants to be knowledgeable about each aspect of the display. Participation helps youth learn valuable skills they can use for a lifetime with menu planning and table setting.



2025 INDOOR JUDGING

Full details will be in the July Newsletter. I would like to highlight that the indoor judging time frame is being extended one hour for 2025. All Indoor Projects (except for clothing, foods, Horticulture & Landscape Design)

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 now 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!

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.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

WOODSON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Council will be on June 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

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.

WOODSON COUNTY FAIR BOOK

The Fair Book will not be mailed to residents but if you need something printed, please come into the Office.

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!

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.

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.

BRESSNER BUILDING WATCH

Clubs will monitor and lock buildings when done.

Piqua - Friday, July 18th, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Eager Beavers - Saturday, July 19, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

3-N-1, Sunday, July 20th, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

PREMIUM SALE

The 2025 Woodson County 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.

COMMUNITY BUILDING STAGE DECORATIONS CLUB ASSIGNMENT

This role is rotated each year among clubs. This year, Piqua 4-H Club is asked to add some 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.

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, see the schedule below:

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

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

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

