



Southwind 4-H News

SOUTHWIND EXTENSION OFFICES

All Southwind Extension Offices are now closed from Noon – 12:30 p.m. for lunch with closing of business 4:30 p.m.

4-H CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds was designed for 5-and 6-year old's and is activity focused, rather than project focused. Cloverbuds may not participate in any competitive 4-H events, but they may showcase their exhibits at fairs and public events. Cloverbuds may showcase two indoor items at the county fair.

POULTRY TESTING

Kansas Department of Agriculture has changed the requirements on having poultry tested for County Fairs. For birds exhibited at the county fair in the Southwind Extension District that originate from Kansas do not need to be tested before the fair until 2027. Birds will then be tested every 5 years. Now, if your bird comes from out of state you will be required to test within 90 days of the fair.

FOOD EXHIBITORS

State and County fair rule changes calculating frostings and fillings new for 2023: A safe recipe must have 65% sugar. KSRE food specialist Karen Blakeslee's training video which provides step by step instructions with screen shots of 4 different methods you can use to calculate can be viewed on your local fairs tab at: southwind.k-state.edu/fairs. Here are the 4 methods to calculate and show the judge.

*Use a kitchen scale, using grams.

*Ingredient Weight Chart: <https://www.kingarthurbaking.com/learn/ingredient-weight-chart>

*Recipe Converter: <https://bakingcalculators.com>

*Use Google to find the ingredient household measurement to convert to grams and continue with calculation.

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING

We will meet at the Allen County Extension Office on Saturday, July 8 at 1:30 p.m. This is the final meeting to get ready for fairs. We can work on pinning, identification, arranging insects in boxes, getting labels on insects, checking pictures for notebooks whatever you need. If you need Vicky to put the styrofoam layer in your insect display boxes, please call ahead of time (620)804-9170 so I can visit with you about what is needed.

GEOLOGY OR ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT

One standard display box that can be used for Geology or Entomology available to purchase. Cost is \$60. Contact Vicky at vicky.wallace55@gmail.com

WRITING THANK YOU NOTES TO FAIR SPONSORS

We have received a few complaints about notes not being received for awards given at the County fair. Please make sure you take time after fair week to send a simple note of Thanks to each sponsor that has awarded you with funds, trophies or plaques. Livestock buyers would appreciate you sending them a thank you after the sale or taking your baked items and gift baskets to their business the following week rather than during the livestock sale.

KANSAS STATE FAIR ENTRIES NON-LIVESTOCK

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

KANSAS STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

Livestock State Fair entries are due July 15.

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 are needing 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 the Extension Office October 1. Books that are turned in after the deadline of your club leaders will not be judged for county-wide awards.

Since October 1st is on a Sunday this year all records must be in your local Extension Office by Friday, September 29, 2023. NO EXCEPTIONS.

VET MED ROCKS CAMPS AT K-STATE

K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine is giving elementary, middle school, high school and college students an opportunity to experience "A Day in the Life of a Veterinary Student" at the 2023 Vet Med ROCKS summer camps. Link: vet.k-state.edu/admission/s/rocks/

LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

The 2023 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is scheduled for August 19-20 on the K-State campus in Manhattan, KS. The Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. Rules and entry details will be released to extension offices soon and then be made available on the 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes tab of the youth livestock program website. The deadline to enter will be August 1. All entries must be made by local Extension Units. Families interested in this event need to contact their local extension office for local opportunities and/or qualifying events.

KANSAS 4-H WHEAT VARIETY PLOT

The 2023-2024 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program begins fall of 2023 and goes through September 2024. Members should contact their local Extension Office by July 15 for information with enrollments due to the State 4-H Office by August 1, 2023. New participants will receive a free large plot sign, and five individual variety signs. Returning members receive updated wheat variety names on sticky paper to place on existing metal signs. These will be distributed when the wheat is picked up. There will be no cost for the program in 2023-24 since the five varieties are again being sponsored by commercial companies. This year's participants who are getting ready to harvest their plots should be planning their county fair display for possible qualifying for the Kansas State Fair entry in the 4-H and FFA Showcase Building.

KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO

The 2023 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8 in Pratt. Registration is open and will close July 25. The Wheat Expo would provide project learning and exhibition for 4-H members enrolled in Foods, Photography, Plant Science and Leadership. For more information visit: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cYoRHixZoXrsPY2

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension Staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. The event provides youth the opportunity to acquire practical knowledge and skills to reinforce the attitudes and motivation that will give them a heightened sense of responsibility and capacity to connect with others as active member of society. Youth will engage in educational activities to explore, practice and master civic engagement skills and personal development to make a difference in their community, country and world. Any 4-H youth member program age 15-18 may apply for the opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. area. The event is scheduled for April 19-24, 2024 in Arlington, Virginia.

Applications are due Monday, October 2, 2023, local Extension Units may require an earlier deadline for their families. Applicants are screened and top applicants will be invited for interview. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected to attend this event. One or two adult chaperones will also be selected to accompany the delegation. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old and must be a registered volunteer. Interested adult volunteers and Extension Staff should contact Beth Hinshaw or Dona Ratliff. Cost to attend is approximately \$2000. 4-H clubs, 4-H councils, local 4-H Foundations and local service groups have helped many delegates with this fee. Additional conference fees are sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Foundation and their generous donors.



APPLYING FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Youth Council Application and National 4-H Conference Application will be combined this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both. Kansas 4-H members age 14-18 before January 1, 2024 may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2024 may apply for National Conference. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for a one-year term on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview prior to KYLF and they serve a two-year term on council. Visit State 4-H Youth Leadership Council: kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/ and National Conference: kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/national-4-h-conference/index.html

FINANCIAL PLANNING ACADEMY FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

K-State's department of Personal Financial Planning will host high school sophomores through seniors from July 16-21, 2023. Aimed at those with an interest in pursuing a career in the fields of business or financial planning, the program brings students to K-State's Campus where they will deepen their understanding of personal finance and the profession of financial planning. While on campus, participants will interact with local financial experts and further develop skills in leadership, communication, team building, entrepreneurship, marketing and more. Through generous support from the Charles Schwab Foundation and administered through Texas Tech University, registration for the full event is only \$150. This includes all room and board, meals, and extracurricular activities. Information and the program application can be found at: depts.ttu.edu/hs/pfp/fpa/apply_ksu.php



STEM OPPORTUNITY - SUNPOWERED STUDENT CHALLENGE - Rural Electric Cooperative Competition

The Rural Electric Cooperatives across Kansas are beginning a high school solar competition for teams of 2 to 4 students. Students will learn about the appropriate sizing of solar installations, how to properly select a site for solar, understanding how the angles of the Sun change through the year, and the impact of cloud cover on solar production. The competition will require the application of science and math, the ability to present solutions to a panel of adults, and solving challenges presented during the day of the statewide competition. Competing in this event is a great way for students to prepare for a possible degree or career in the solar industry. Multiple institutions in Kansas offer degrees and certifications that lead to employment. Many of the RECs across the state are sponsoring teams to participate. Sponsorship covers the cost of the materials kit (\$1,000) needed to prepare and participate in the state competition. If your 4-H'ers are interested in participating, the cost for students to participate is very low (only needing to pay a \$200 competition registration fee for the team, if your local REC is sponsoring the materials kit). For more information visit: view.publitas.com/pitsco-education/79330-sunpowered-student-challenge-high-school-solar-competition-brochure-0423/page/1 or call Debra O'Doherty, Event Coordinator. 800-835-0686.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

NEW AWARD FOR 2023

JR Lewis Memorial Award: The family of JR Lewis has established this award to be given annually at the fair. The requirements are:

1. Must be a 4-H member in good standing or an active FFA member.
2. Must exhibit a market or breeding livestock project Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goat at the Allen County Fair.
3. Must not have received the award before. The recipient will be selected by an anonymous committee and announced prior to the Livestock Sale.

FAIR HORSE SHOW CHANGE

The Horse show will now be at 9:00 a.m.

JUDGING SCHEDULE CHANGE

Schedule has changed for some of the judging this year, so please pay attention to the fair tab since visual arts, home environment, and photography will now be judged on Thursday rather than on Sunday as was done in the past.

ALLEN COUNTY FRIENDS OF 4-H DINNER

The Friends of 4-H Dinner and Style Revue will be held at the Lola High School on July 25th at 6:00 p.m. The meal will be catered, so please RSVP.

FAIR GROUNDS CLEAN UP/SET UP

The pre-fair clean-up/set up at the Allen County Fair Grounds will be July 22nd at 7:00 a.m. Check with your club leader on tasks that need to be completed.

FINAL CLEAN-UP

Monday, July 31st at 8:00 a.m. we will have the final clean-up at the Allen County Fair Grounds.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Call the office if interested in helping with:
**Food Judging on July 27th at 12:30 p.m., until done.
**Friends of 4-H Decorating Volunteers are needed on July 25th at 1:00 p.m.

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

FAIR EXHIBITORS

Fair entry cards, photo mats and sleeves, canning labels can be picked up from the Extension Office between July 10th and 12th. All static entries must have a fair entry card attached to their exhibit.

BARNYARD OLYMPICS

Any 4-H'er may participate in the Barnyard Olympics but you must enter as a fair entry in the FairEntry system. See fair paper for details.

FAIR CLEAN UP NIGHT

Fair Clean Up will be Thursday evening July 13 at 5:30 p.m. for all clubs. Each 4-H Club is responsible for cleanup before the fair. Leaders will have a list of duties for the evening.

BOURBON COUNTY FAIR T-SHIRTS

All 4-H members. If you have not already picked up your fair T-shirt please stop by the Extension Office between July 10th – 12th. Members are asked to send a thank you note to Landmark National Bank for donating all the shirts.

BOURBON COUNTY FAIR OFFICE

We will be moving to the Fair Office in the Yeager Memorial building on Thursday, July 13th. There is no phone at the fair office. **FAIR OFFICE HOURS will be:** 8:00 a.m. – Noon and 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

ASK ME BOOTH AT FAIR

Clubs are asked to volunteer for a 2-hour shift during the day to supervise the building and take care of trash, sweeping floors, and bathrooms. Each club will be responsible for 6 shifts. Sign up will be done electronically with "Ask Me Booth".

FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

Our intention is to have fair premium checks ready to hand out to 4-H members after fair clean up Saturday, July 22nd. This includes the Cloverleaf Event Center all barns and the grounds. Checks will only be given out to the 4-H member or their parent.

4-H COUNCIL POOL PARTY

4-H Council has scheduled a pool party on Sunday, July 23 for Bourbon County 4-H'ers and their immediate family. Swimming: 6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. at Fort Scott Aquatic Center. No floatation devices are allowed. All pool rules will apply.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

BEEF PROJECT MEETINGS

Jill Kepley, county-wide beef project leader, has set meetings at the fairgrounds July 2, July 9, July 16. Bucket calf meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by market/breeding animals at 8:00 p.m. Scales will be available. This is a great opportunity to work with your animals before the fair! If you have questions, please contact Jill at 620-432-1383.



MEAT GOAT PROJECT MEETING

Becky Isle, meat goat project leader, has scheduled a meeting for Monday, July 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. This will be a great opportunity to work with your goats prior to the fair – so please bring them to the meeting. If you have questions, contact Becky at 620-433-0446.

CLEAN-UP BEFORE FAIR ASSIGNMENTS

All buildings must be ready by Monday, July 17th.

Best Yet: Beef Barn

Hillcrest: Show Arena and Poultry Barn

Jolly go Getters: Neosho Valley Event Center

Jolly Jayhawkers: Sheep/Hog Barn/Wash Racks

Sunrise Challengers: Bath House

Neosho Valley Busy Bees: Open Class Building

Southeast Sunflowers: Dairy/Goat Barn

Willing Workers: Horse Barn/Arena

FOODS PROJECT MONDAY, JULY 17TH

Thank you again for your patience as we navigate the formal frosting rule. All resources and items have been placed on our Neosho County Fair Page here:

<https://www.southwind.k-state.edu/fairs/neosho-county/index.html>

Don't forget to sign up for a judging time here: <https://bit.ly/NOFoods>. If there are no

longer slots available please email or call Tara at tsolomon@ksu.edu, 620-244-3826. *Please arrive 5*

minutes prior to your judging time to take your picture and fill out exhibit form. Parents will be taking pictures this year with our provided backdrop, please email your picture directly to 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. Foods Volunteer

Opportunity: If a 4-Her would like some leadership stats or another willing adult, we could use help in keeping the foods judging running smoothly, let Tara know if you are willing!



CLOTHING & FIBER ARTS PROJECTS TUESDAY, JULY 18th

ALL Clothing/Fiber Arts updated forms can be found at <https://www.southwind.k-state.edu/fairs/neosho-county/index.html>. 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.

Buymanship and Clothing Construction Style Revue

- Dressing Rooms will be the small meeting room for the girls and the kitchen for the boys. If need be, bathrooms can be used as well.
- Complete 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 buymanship and wearable constructed 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 call backs. This is why the photo is very important.

Public Style Revue on Friday, July 21st

Bring or email tsolomon@ksu.edu, a typed Script for the outfit that will be modeled at the public revue, July 21st, at 2:00 p.m., at the Neosho Valley Event Center. This needs to be a minimum of 5 sentences about the outfit and the 4-H'er. Samples can be found here: <https://bit.ly/4461ihq>. Tara will be asking older clothing members to read during the public revue/between modeling. **Please be dressed and ready to model for the public revue no later than 1:45 p.m.**

Constructed Garments and Fiber Arts.

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

Please arrive with your constructed garment or fiber art no later than 6:30 p.m.!

INDOOR JUDGING DETAILS THURSDAY, JULY 20TH

I would like to thank each of you that provided some feedback on the indoor judging process for me! It has been interesting being 'new again' however, it has been easier because Neosho County parents, volunteers are so kind! After reviewing the feedback, I have only adjusted the indoor judging (with the exception of Plant Sciences which will remain the same) process slightly for this year. Still no sign-up times so it will be easier to remember, but to cut back on crowding, it will be by last name. Details are below!

- **4-H Plant Sciences (Floriculture, Horticulture, and Field Crops)**
- **8:00-10:00 a.m.** MUST be checked in
- **10:00 a.m.** OPEN Class Plant Sciences will be judged
- **11:00 a.m.** ESTIMATED 4-H Plant Science judging, please arrive then If you would like to conference with the judge

All Other Indoor Projects

- **1:00-2:00 p.m.** all members of families with last names beginning with A-M
- **2:00-3:00 p.m.** (*must arrive by 2:50 p.m.*) all members of families with the last names beginning with N-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 evening fair goers to enjoy!

4-H FAMILY SWIM UPDATE

Due to the pool hours, the 4-H Family Swim will be from 7:00-9:00 p.m., on Sunday, July 24th.



4-H SHOWCASE

Neosho County 4-H Development Fund will be sponsoring the "4-H Showcase at the County fair. 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:

- 1st place - \$500
- 2nd place - \$400
- 3rd place - \$350
- 4th place - \$300
- 5th place - \$250
- 6th place - \$200
- 7th and 8th place - \$100

ASK ME BOOTH (BUILDING WATCH) CLUB

ASSIGNMENTS AND DUTIES

This will again be called the Ask Me Booth this year. Community members who are visiting the fair will have an opportunity to ask questions about the fair and the exhibits. We hope to promote 4-H to potential new members as well! All while we are monitoring the building. The Neosho Valley Event Center building monitor duties will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end for the day at 8:00 p.m. We will also be asking those clubs to help with the flag raising or lowering during your assigned building monitor time. The flags should be up by 8:00 a.m. and down by 8:00 p.m. Please make sure to have at least one 4-H'er and one adult available.

Below is the schedule:

Thursday Afternoon/evening - Willing Workers

Friday Morning/noon – Neosho Valley Busy Bees
Afternoon/evening – Hillcrest

Saturday Morning/noon – Jolly Go Getters
Afternoon/evening – Southeast Sunflowers

Sunday Morning/noon – Jolly Jayhawkers
Afternoon/evening – Staff will cover/family activities in building

Monday Morning/noon — Best Yet
Afternoon/evening – Sunrise Challengers

ROYALTY CONTEST DETAILS

Royalty Contestant questionnaires will be due July 10th, and money will be due July 17 in the Extension Office.



PHOTOGRAPHY FUN CLASS 2023

The Photography Fun Class for 2023 is Sunsets! This is not eligible for grand and reserve, but we do encourage you to have some fun with capturing the amazing sunsets in this area.

COUNTY FAIR CAMPER CONTEST

Attention all campers! Get ready to show off your creative skills in our Sunflowers and Sunsets themed camper decorating competition. Transform your campers into a beautiful oasis that captures the essence of summer. Create a vibrant and colorful atmosphere with sunflowers and sunsets as your inspiration. Use your imagination and decorate your camper with everything from sunflower motifs, yellow and orange accents, to sunset-inspired decor. The possibilities are endless! The competition will be judged on creativity, use of theme, and overall aesthetic. The winner will receive a prize and bragging rights as the best decorated camper. Don't miss out on this opportunity to show off your artistic abilities and make your camper stand out from the rest. Get your decorating supplies ready and let the creativity flow! Judging will be July 21 at 4pm. Entries must be submitted to the Extension Office or Fair Office by 1pm on July 21 with the \$5 entry fee. Winning campers will receive a banner.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

2023 FAIR CHANGES

Please read the Fair paper very carefully this year. If you have any questions call the Extension Office at 620-625-8620.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR MEETING

All livestock exhibitors should attend the meeting on Wednesday, July 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Rules for the fair and premium sale will be covered.



FAIR SET-UP

All families should plan to help with fair set up on Wednesday, July 12th at 7:00 p.m. Each 4-H Club is responsible for a different area of the fair grounds and is as follows:

3-N-1: Bressner and Premium Sale (on Wednesday)

Eager Beavers: Show Arena and Livestock Barns

Piqua: Community Building

STILL WATERS EDGE RETREAT

The fairgrounds clean-up will be on Thursday, July 20th at 5:30 p.m. As a way to celebrate and unwind after the fair, the Fair Board would like to invite all 4-H families to enjoy an evening at Still Waters Edge Retreat at 6:30 p.m. after clean up. This treat is sponsored by Weber Seed Service. Make sure to show your appreciation for their support by sending a thank you letter.

WOODSON COUNTY FAIR

Changes 4-H families should be aware of:

- The fair paper is now posted on the Southwind website.
- The parade will be on Saturday, July 15th followed by Style Revue at Town Hall and Pedal Pull at the show arena.
- Barnyard Olympics are back this year and will be held Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. A youth corn hole tournament will be that evening.
- Funtatic party rentals will be open from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Judging times of static exhibits (non-livestock) will be based on 4-H Clubs. Individual time slots will not be assigned, instead a certain time period will be assigned for each club to have all exhibits judged. Times will be announced to clubs at a later date. Clothing judging will be the only event to have individual time slots assigned for 4-H members.

