



**4-H NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025**

**ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING**

Our April Entomology project meeting will be on April 5th beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office Meeting Room. We will be working on pinning insects so bring your pinning boards and pinning supplies as well as 2 or 3 insects to pin. Please bring a talk on an insect from Africa.

**INSECT SPECTACULAR 2025**

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

**IPM INSECT ART CONTEST**

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas! This year, the theme is "By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night." The goal is to explore why and how insects are active or inactive at night, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Art may be a drawing or painting, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass or other media. There are five age categories in which 1st - 3rd place will be awarded:

Kindergarten - 2nd grade

3rd grade - 5th grade

6th grade - 8th grade

High school Adult

Entries must be received or postmarked before April 15, 2025. For full details Visit:

<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/>.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

Do you have a plan for celebrating your 4-H and Extension Volunteers? National Volunteer Week is April 20-26, 2025. 4-H Clubs please be sure to acknowledge those you know that give of their time to volunteer in 4-H.

**HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION**

Each year, there is required paperwork each 4-H'er must have on each horse they plan to exhibit at a 4-H Horse Show. Paperwork required is 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](#).

**PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT**

April 8 – Food Photography

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

**POULTRY INFORMATION**

Birds exhibited at the 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. Now, 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.

**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.



## **DISCOVERY DAYS**

When: June 4-6, 2025

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

Cost: Coming soon! Some class sessions may have additional fees associated. Register: [Here](#).

## **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. This is a great way to get a head start on your photography project!

For Dates and more information visit [Here](#).

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

The Greenbush 4-H Day Camp (for ages 10-13) registration is live! This event will be held on June 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$25. Space is limited, so make sure to register as soon as you can at the link below. You will receive an email with a request for paperwork to be completed and submitted to your local Extension Office. Paperwork and payment are due to your local Extension Office by May 1. Please make checks payable to your 4-H Council. Register [Here](#).

## **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 [Here](#).

## **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.

## **SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING**

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "[Spring Into Volunteering](#)" in Salina on the K-State Polytechnic Campus on Saturday, April 26. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., and the day will conclude at 3:00 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles. Sessions for the day include Preparing Youth for Real-World Opportunities, Personalities and How They Affect Volunteers, Facilitating Civic Engagement and Service, Keeping Kids Engaged, and Resources for You. The registration fee for the day is \$20 and includes materials and lunch! [Online registration is due April 15, 2025](#), and the fee will be submitted to local offices.



## **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](#).

## **CELEBRATE 80 YEARS OF ROCK SPRINGS RANCH!**

The Kansas 4-H Foundation is excited to invite you to join in on celebrating 80 years of Rock Springs Ranch! April 12, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Camp Beautification Day. Help us prepare for summer camp with various volunteer projects. A volunteer appreciation lunch will be held from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. RSVP:

[Camp Beautification RSVP Form](#) April 12, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social. Join us for a sweet treat and enjoy a tour of Rock Springs Ranch. April 13, 4-H Camp Open House – If you know families interested in learning more about 4-H Camp, invite them to join us for a special open house event. RSVP for Open House [Here](#). Get Involved: If you can't make it to the events, please consider sharing your favorite memories from Rock Springs Ranch as we highlight 80 years of the state 4-H center. Submit your memories here: [Memory Submission Form](#) We hope to see you there!

## **ALLEN COUNTY NEWS**

### **ALLEN COUNTY FAIR**

Allen County Fair is scheduled for July 24-28.

### **FAIR THEME**

This year, the theme is: Tropical "Fair"adise

### **OTHER LIVESTOCK TAGGING & WEIGHING**

Bucket Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep and Swine will weigh and tag-in Monday April 21, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds.

### **4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting will be April 24th at 7:00 p.m.

### **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**

### **FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT MEETING**

We are going gluten free!! April 12, 2025 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Buck Run Community Center 1st gym, Fort Scott, KS. We are making homemade yeast type gluten free pizza dough. Add your toppings, bake and yummmmm eat!! Food; Games; Door Prizes. Please, rsvp by email or text to Pam Speer, [jpspeer77@yahoo.com](mailto:jpspeer77@yahoo.com) or 620-224-7260. See you there!!

### **BOURBON COUNTY FAIR**

Bourbon County Fair is scheduled for July 12-19.

### **FAIR THEME SELECTED BY 4-H COUNCIL**

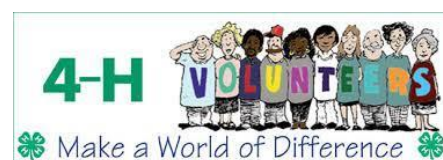
The 2025 Bourbon County Fair theme selected by 4-H Council is "Create A FAIR-ytale".

### **POULTRY PROJECT MEMBERS**

4-H Poultry project members that wish to participate in the Youth Livestock Auction at the Bourbon County Fair will need to have Broiler Chickens ordered by April 15th. All birds for this project will come from the same hatch and will be Cornish cross and will be available approx. 6-7 weeks before the fair. 4-H'ers will be notified when birds are ready for pickup. Price per bid \$2.45. Number of bird's minimum order of 10. Contact the Extension Office before April 15, 2024 by calling 620-223-3720.

### **MEAT GOATS, SHEEP, SWINE TAG & WEIGH-IN**

Do to scheduling conflicts there will only be one small animal tag & weigh-in on Saturday, April 26, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – Noon at the Bourbon County Fairgrounds.



### **LIVESTOCK TAGS**

4-H/FFA members may tag as many animals as they wish but after the 2 allowed tags per specie members will be charged \$4.00 per tag. Please have exact change or a check written to Livestock Account.

### **OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR BOURBON COUNTY**

#### **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 [jkterrell@ksu.edu](mailto:jkterrell@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**

Neosho County Fair is scheduled for July 24-28.

#### **FAIR THEME**

The fair theme this year is Mardi Gras. More details to come.

### **SHEEP/SWINE/MEAT GOAT TAGGING AND WEIGH IN**

Please mark your calendar for Monday, April 28th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goat tagging. This will be held at the fairgrounds in Erie. The cost per tag is \$4. If you are unable to bring your animals, please arrange for someone else to do it for you. If you have questions, please contact Krista Harding at 620-244-3826.

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

All ages

Theme: Celebrations

Not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion

### **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 in at least two work days. 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 Saturday dates are as follows, starting at 8:00 a.m.:

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

## **WOODSON COUNTY NEWS**

### **WOODSON COUNTY FAIR**

Woodson County Fair is scheduled for July 18-21.

#### **FAIR THEME**

The fair theme this year is "BARN in the USA".

### **OTHER LIVESTOCK TAGGING & WEIGHING**

Bucket Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep and Swine will weigh and tag -in Wednesday, April 23, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Woodson County Fairgrounds.

### **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 WOODSON COUNTY FAIR 4-H AWARDS:**

There are a few 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

