



SENIOR PROJECT RECORD REPORT

If you are a Senior age 14 and up and named a winner/champion for your PRR, your book is eligible for the Southeast Area PRR Screening in January. Please plan to make any changes needed from your score sheet. PRR'S must be turned into your local Extension Office by Friday, January 10.

SE AREA PPR SCREENING

Record book screening for the Southeast Region will be Friday, January 17th in Fredonia at the 4-H Building at the Old Iron Club. Volunteers will be needed to judge if interested please let your local Extension office know. Emails were sent to those eligible mid – November.

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE VANIER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP CHANGES

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Family Scholarship application process is now open. Applications are due by March 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. To learn more about the scholarship visit: <https://kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. Scholarships are available to current high school seniors and undergraduate students. There are several scholarships that graduate and professional students are eligible for. We encourage all of these individuals to apply for one of the Kansas 4-H Scholarships. Questions can be directed to Sarah Keatley, 620-366-0035 or keatley@ksu.edu.

DISTRICT 4-H DAY

District 4-H Day will be held on February 1, 2025 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. With everyone checked in by 11:30 p.m. at Marmaton Valley School, Moran. All entries are due by 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 17 at: <https://forms.gle/7vShWWX6ZdkP92Zu5>
If you have any questions about the guidelines or rules, please refer to the Southwind District website: <https://www.southwind.k-state.edu/4-h/events/>

REGIONAL 4-H DAY

4-H'ers receiving a Top Blue placing at District 4-H Day will be invited to attend Regionals February 22, 2025 at Neosho County Community College in Chanute. All eligible participants will receive an email.

COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES/OPPORTUNITIES

4-H members age 9 and older (before January 1) participating at District 4-H Day that receives a purple ribbon can take their project talks, demonstrations, and illustrated talks to the Kansas State Fair. Poetry entries can also be entered. New this year Public Speaking entries can come to the State Fair, however regardless of the topic used locally, all contestants at the State Fair will use the same topic, "What 4-H Means to Me". More information will be in the Fair Book in January. There are some great resources for project talks, illustrated talks, demonstrations, and public speaking on the [4-H Communications Project Page](#)

2025 4-H HORSE PANORAMA

4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for February 22-23, 2025 at K-State Salina. Registration and a schedule of events is located at kansas4-h.org under Events & Activities/Animal Science. Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl., Hippology, presentations and more. Registration information coming soon!!!

4-H SUMMER CONTEST – SAVE THE DATES!

Youth Challenge Day: June 12th at Emporia.
Youth Livestock Day: June 3rd at Iola.

SHOP 4-H

Are you in need of new 4-H apparel? Maybe some 4-H school items? Or some project curriculum to help with learning about a new project interest? Look no further than Shop 4-H (formerly known as 4-H Mall). They have lots of new items! You can check them out at: <https://shop4-h.org/>

DATES FOR 2025 JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS

Junior Swine Producer Day – March 1st
Junior Meat Goat Producer Day – March 22nd
The K-State Junior Producer Days are one-day educational programs which youth, parents, extension professionals, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers learn about the selection and management of youth livestock projects. A variety of sessions from selection to nutrition, reproduction, and showmanship are provided by faculty, staff, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited to attend! Register [Here](#).

YQCA LAUNCHING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The national youth livestock quality assurance program, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), recently announced they will be launching a scholarship program in 2025. Applications are expected to open in January and close on February 17. High school seniors through college students who are 21 years of age are encouraged to apply. Mark your calendars now, as it appears there will be a quick turnaround to apply once applications open! For more information, visit the [YQCA program website](#)

ENTOMOLGY PROJET MEETING

I hope all of your families have a very blessed and Merry Christmas. We are going to focus on labels to go on the insects and identification at the January project meeting. It will be on Saturday, January 11th at the Allen County Extension Office from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. I want to work with any of the 4-Hers that are changing from Option A to Option B. Then from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. we will work on ID and labels for everyone. If you have not gotten the labels template from me please bring a zip drive for me to transfer the template to. Please bring insects you need help identifying. If you are going to give a talk for 4-H Club Day, please bring it and practice at the meeting - it can be on any project. Remember, if the weather in our area is bad, check your emails to see if the meeting is called off. Please do not travel in bad weather for a project meeting. Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEETINGS SCHEDULED

January 14 – Everyday objects
February 11 – Capturing Emotion
March 11 – TBD
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 [sstich12.ss@gmail.com](mailto:ssstich12.ss@gmail.com) or call her at 620-212-2943.

4-H DOG JUDGES TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION

The 2025 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training and Recertification will be held in Hutchinson at the Hutchinson Kennel Club January 18-19, 2025. Participants can become trained and certified to judge the four dog phases of showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience in the Dog Care and Training Project. This training is appropriate for both leaders as well as potential judges. Registration is due January 3, 2025. Cost to participate is \$120, which includes training materials, certification and lunch both days of training. Complete information and the link to register is available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/trainings/dog-leader/index.html>

REGISTRATION FOR ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

Kansas 4-H Camp registration is open! From now until December 31, 2024, 4-H families can register early and receive a 10% discount on any session of summer camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Register [Here](#).



CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two-day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

When: February 16-17, 2025

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Registration: Coming Soon!

Registration Deadline: January 24, 2025

BANQUET will be Sunday evening, if you are asking your legislators to join, please email dsratlif@ksu.edu by Feb. 3 with any additional attendees. The cost is \$35 for additional attendees.

SIX KANSAS 4-H TEENS APPROVED TO REPRESENT KANSAS ON 4-H EXCHANGES

At 2025 State Outbound Interviews and First Orientation held November 24, 2024, six teenagers were approved to represent Kansas 4-H in Costa Rica and Japan next summer. With one of those being Austin Maycumber, Southwind District 4-H'er, who will be participating in the Japan 4-Week Exchange July 10-August 9. Kansas 4-H partners with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs to conduct exchanges with organizations in several countries with youth programs similar to 4-H. There will be further orientation and preparation in the months to come. Congrats, Austin.



KANSAS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



One of our very own 4-H'ers, Jewel Endicott, has been selected to represent the Southeast Area on the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council for 2024-2025. This is a great accomplishment and can't wait to see what Jewel and the rest of the team tackle this year! Congratulations, Jewel!

KANSAS 4-H ALL STAR LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM WINS NATIONAL CONTEST



The Kansas 4-H All Star Livestock Judging Team capped off a win at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky November 19, 2024! The All Star Team is a composite team formed by 4-H members who participated in tryouts and practices following 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes throughout the fall. Congratulations to Esmeralda F., Marais des Cygnes 4-H; Reegan M., Tate C., and Kyser N., Southwind 4-H; Mason R., Pottawatomie 4-H; and Calla H., Frontier 4-H for their efforts and work. Individually, Esmeralda and Reegan were first and second overall. The team placed 1st in Performance Cattle and Sheep, second in swine and reasons, and 3rd in beef. The team was coached by Brody Nemecek.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR

Allen County Fair is scheduled for July 24-28.

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

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Bourbon County Fair is scheduled for July 12-19.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SCHOLARSHIP

FCE Council is offering a \$200.00 scholarship to a high school senior or college student who is a Bourbon County resident and will be attending any two-or-four-year college or university in Kansas. All students are welcome to apply; preference will be given to a student who plans to major in Family and Consumer Sciences or a related field.

Applications and references must be post marked by Friday, February 14, 2025. Application is available [Here](#)

FRED AND DORIS FINK SCHOLARSHIP

The Fred and Doris Fink 4-H Scholarship will be given during the 2025 Achievement Recognition. This is a \$750.00 scholarship or could be less depending how many qualified applicants are selected. Eligibility Requirements are:

- Three or more years in a Bourbon County 4-H Club.
- Must demonstrate outstanding achievement in 4-H activities and project work.
- Must be a resident of Bourbon County.
- Must be a senior in High School or freshman in College.
- Must be used by a student enrolled full time in an accredited Kansas 4-year College or University or a Kansas Community College.

Preference will be given to a student in Agriculture or Family and Consumer Sciences. Scholarship may be awarded to a previous winner one time. We will use the Kansas 4-H Scholarship paper application due in the Fort Scott Extension Office by March 1, 2025. Application available [Here](#).

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet January 29, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Common Ground Coffee Shop. All 4-H Club Council Representatives need to attend. What is decided will affect each 4-H Club.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR

Neosho County Fair is scheduled for July 24-28.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H Council will meet January 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Neosho Valley Event Center.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THE SHEEP PROJECT?

If you are a new or even seasoned 4-H family that has an interest in exploring the sheep project, please don't hesitate to reach out to county-wide sheep leader Dustie Elsworth for information. The sheep project can seem overwhelming and the questions of where do you purchase a lamb? what do you feed? how do you shear? These are often deterrents for families because they just don't know where to get help. Dustie is more than willing to help any 4-H member get started in the sheep project! He can be reached at 620-432-4563.

FAIR BOARD DONATION TO DINNER/AUCTION

All clubs are invited to donate an item, a basket, find a sponsor, or a monetary donation by February 1st to the dinner and auction. Reach out to Kathy Brazle about your donation and drop off arrangements.

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 19th. 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.:

- **February 8th**
- **March 8th**
- **April 12th**
- **April 27th**

BEEF PROJECT OPTIONS

Although "Beef" is the only option when enrolling, keep in mind that there are fair classes for market beef, feeder beef, breeding heifer and bucket calf. Here are the requirements for each:

Market Beef – own a minimum of 140 days – can be steer or heifer. Must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds to be eligible for grand or reserve and to sell in the premium sale.

Feeder Beef – own a minimum of 140 days – can be steer or heifer. Must weigh a minimum of 600 pounds, maximum of 900 pounds to be eligible for grand or reserve and to sell in the premium sale.

Breeding Heifer – commercial or registered. If registered, members must have registration or transfer papers in their name by July 1st.

Bucket Calf – for members 7-12 years old. Calf must be born between January 1st – May 1st of current year. Calf can be male or female – beef, dairy or cross.

BEEF TAGGING

Beef Tagging/Weigh-in will be held at the Neosho County Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 9th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please note the new location! In order for the event to run smoothly – all trailers must enter the South gate and the line will form there. Once finished, trailers will exit out the East or West gate. Cost for tags is \$4.00 each. Beef animals that need to be tagged – market beef and feeder beef. If you have questions please contact Krista Harding at 620-244-3826.

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

WOODSON COUNTY FAIR

Woodson County Fair is scheduled for July 18-21.

SAVE THE DATE

Beef weigh-in: January 2nd, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

