



4-H NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

PROGRAM FEE FOR 2025/2026

To get the program fee reimbursed for 2025/2026, there are three major requirements to be eligible:

- Attend a minimum of six 4-H Club meetings.
- Submit a complete MIG Book (Member in Good Standing).
- Submit at least one PRR (Project Record Report).

HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION

Each year, there is required paperwork that each 4-H'er must have on each horse they plan to exhibit at a 4-H Horse Show. The paperwork required are 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 documents and examples [Here](#). under the Helpful Links and Resources drop down.

KANSAS 4-H PROJECT CHALLENGES

Looking for a Spring-bread activity? Explore the Kansas Clover Classroom. Challenges range from Pollinators, Livestock to Fiber Arts. Find the [Here](#).

WALK KANSAS 2025

Walk Kansas, will take place March 30th to May 24th this year! Through this 8-week program, you will work together with your teammates to achieve a physical activity goal. Each team is made up of six people. Youth can participate for free! If your 4-H club would like to create a team, we will also waive the registration fee for the adult who serves as team captain. Please contact Tara Solomon-Smith with questions at tsolomon@ksu.edu or 620-244-3826.

HORTICULTURE JUDGING

Practices will begin after Spring Break on March 26th. Those who picked up a flyer at 4-H Day will note that the first practice date is different. Practice will begin with Horticulture from 6pm-7pm and Crops/Weeds ID from 7pm-8pm. An email has been sent with a flyer for additional dates for practices, as well as contests.

If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Casey Diver at 620-365-2242. If you can't make the meetings, but would like to participate in contests, he will provide you with study materials to help you prepare.

4-H DISCOVERY DAYS

4-H Discovery Days will be held June 4 - 6, 2025 at Kansas State University. Classes and learning activities are the focus of this mini-college event. Youth must be at least 13 years old to attend. Registration coming soon.

4-H SUMMER CONTEST – SAVE THE DATES!

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

SAVE THE DATE

K-State will be hosting a spring invitational meat judging contest on April 5, 2025. Additional details and registration information will be released later this spring.

TIPS & TRICKS FOR MAKING POSTERS, TRI-FOLDS, EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS, ETC.

Come join the fun and learn about making great visual displays. Saturday, March 8th at the Allen County Extension Office Meeting Room beginning at 1:00 p.m. It's not too early to start on displays for the County Fair! Learn time saving tips for making posters and tri-folds. Learn about making your displays stand out. This is open to all 4-H families. Please RSVP to Vicky Wallace at vicky.wallace55@gmail.com or (620)804-9170.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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.

GREENBUSH 4-H OVERNIGHT CAMP

This camp is for youth ages 7-9 and is scheduled for
June 9th and 10th. The cost to attend is \$80. This
camp fills up fast, so watch your email closely in
the coming weeks to register.

GREENBUSH 4-H DAY CAMP

There will be a day camp for youth who are ages
10-13 on June 18th at Greenbush Camp and
Retreat Center. The cost will be \$25. More details
about times and how to register will be coming
soon.

POULTY PROJECT

For birds exhibited at the county fair in the
Southwind Extension District that originated 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 or
show proof of clean flock certificate.

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

MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN

We will weigh in on March 2, 2025, from 1:00 p.m.
to 3:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds. This
will be for all market beef showing at the Allen
County Fair. Tags will be \$4 a piece, cash or check
only.

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 7pm

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 Lola High School.

MILES KESSINGER SCHOLARSHIP

Miles Kessinger Scholarship is awarded for the
purpose of attending Allen Community College.
This scholarship is to be awarded annually to an
Allen County 4-H member and/or a Woodson
County 4-H member who is a graduating senior.
Those eligible to apply for this scholarship must
have been a 4-H member for at least three years,
be of good moral character and have financial
need. This scholarship is worth \$500.00 and is
payable to the recipient. The scholarship winner
must use this award in the school year selected,
otherwise he/she will be required to re-apply.
Completed applications are to be mailed or
brought to Allen Community College, Financial Aid
Office, 1801 N. Cottonwood, Lola, KS 66749 on or
before April 1. Specific details and the application
can be found [Here](#).

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

BOURBON COUNTY FAIR

Bourbon County Fair is scheduled for July 12-19.

FAIR THEME SELECTED BY 4-H COUNCIL

Create A FAIR-ytale at the Bourbon County Fair.

RABBIT AND POULTRY PROJECT MEMBERS

4-H members enrolled in the Rabbit project will be allowed to sell a fryer pen of 3 rabbits. Members enrolled in Poultry will be allowed to sell a broiler pen of 3 birds during the Youth Livestock Auction on Friday evening of the fair. The following rules will apply.

Rabbit Fryer Pen Rules

- A Fryer pen will consist of a pen of 3 rabbits either all male or all female.
- They must be all of the same breed and each exhibitor will be responsible for obtaining their own rabbits.
- Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry.
- Weight of pen range from 10 lbs. to 17 lbs.
- Fryer pen will be weighed as a pen in a cage at Livestock Weigh-in.
- The fryer pen is eligible to sell in the Youth Livestock Sale and will count as 1 of the maximums of 2 species an exhibitor is eligible to sell.

Poultry Broiler Pen Rules

- A broiler pen will consist of 3 birds of the same breed male or female.
- Birds will all come from the same hatch with superintendent placing the order for the bird's minimum of 10 birds per exhibitor to be picked up approximately 6-7 weeks prior to fair. Exhibitors must notify Extension office prior to this date if participating in this project so enough birds can be ordered. These will be Cornish Cross.
- Exhibitors are limited to one entry.
- Weight of pen range from 12 lbs. To 19 lbs.
- Broiler pen will be weight as a pen in a cage at Livestock Weigh-in.
- Broiler pen will be eligible to sell in the Youth Livestock Sale and will count as 1 of the maximums of 2 species an exhibitor is eligible to sell.

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.

BEEF TAGGING

Saturday, March 15, Bourbon County Rodeo Grounds 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registered heifers do not need to be tagged.

BOURBON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Council will meet March 26, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at Common Ground.

FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT MEETING

Looking for Cloverbuds and 4-H members. March 8th 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at 1240 105th Street, Redfield, KS. We will be measuring; blending; mixing and cracking some eggs. Families can bring plastic measuring cups and a portable mixer. Please RSVP via text or email along with any allergies to food products to Pam Speer 620-224-7260 or jpsper77@yahoo.com. April 12th 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location TBA. We will have a Gluten Free Day. So, ingredients will be available families can send one of your favorite simple recipes and RSVP by April 1 via text or email. If you need more information contact Pam Speer 620-224-7260 or jpsper77@yahoo.com.

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

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Neosho County Fair is scheduled for July 24-28.

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. 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.

FAIR THEME

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



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.:

March 8th

April 12th

April 27th

June 14th

WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

WOODSON COUNTY FAIR

Woodson County Fair is scheduled for July 18-21.

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.

OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR WOODSON COUNTY

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. Thank you!

- Champion Dairy Cattle Showman
- Champion Entomology
- Champion Junior Horse Showman
- Champion Senior Horse Showman
- Champion Sewing and Textile Design Style Revue
- Reserve Champion Sewing and Textile Design Style Revue
- Champion Boys Shopping in Style, Intermediate
- Champion Boys Shopping in Style, Junior
- Grand Champion Boys Shopping in Style

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Happy Spring Break