



**4-H NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024**

**ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING**

We will have an Entomology Project meeting on Saturday, April 13th beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office. I hope we can go out collecting, so bring your insect nets, killing jar, and specimen containers. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate with the weather! Please bring your pinning boards and materials to pin insects with and one or two insects to pin. We will try to finish the dragonfly craft we have been working on. Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

**IPM INSECT ART CONTEST**

Participants of all ages are welcome to submit an entry before the April 15, 2024 deadline. Contest rules, Entry form, and Flyer are linked for your convenience. All information is located on the K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program webpage [HERE](#).

**ROCK SPRINGS RANCH OPEN HOUSE**

Come and join us for a tour, meet our staff, and learn all about the fun to be had at Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Guests will get to see cabins, activity center, pool, ropes course, horses, dining hall, and lots more. Sunday, April 21, 2024 Tours begin at 1:00 p.m. and run until 4:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Would you like a more in-depth experience or are you too far away for a day trip to see us? Give us a call and we can help you set up overnight accommodations at minimal cost. If you are unable to attend this time, we are always happy to set up another opportunity to show you around! For more information and to RSVP, please call Rock Springs Ranch office at (785)257- 3221.

**HORSE ID CERTIFICATES**

Certificates are due June 1 to your local Extension Office. 4-Her's need to use the January 2023 ID certificate found [HERE](#). Click on the \*\*UPDATED Horse ID Certificate under Resources.

**NEW: RSR CAMP TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED**

Iola has been selected as a pick-up/drop-off location for each of the camp sessions offered at Rock Springs Ranch. The exact meeting location will actually be the Walmart parking lot. You will just want to make sure to select needing transportation. This is a great opportunity for our District! Camp at Rock Springs Ranch is a great opportunity that you will want your child to experience. Did you know that they also offer family camps? You can learn more about sessions, rates, etc. [HERE](#). The cost of camp can be daunting, but Southwind District has event scholarship assistance. You will just need to complete the event scholarship form [HERE](#).

**PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT**

Photography project meetings will be held on the following dates 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at 1202 W. Main in Chanute, KS at Zion Lutheran. Bring your cameras to each meeting. Parents are welcome to attend. Contact Susan Stich H: 620-431-6986 or C: 620-212-2943 to RSVP or for more information.

- April 9, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- June 11, 2024 Location to be determined
- July 9, 2024 - Mounting fair photos



**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

Do you have a plan for celebrating your 4-H and Extension Volunteers? National Volunteer Week is April 21-27, 2024. 4-H Clubs please be sure to acknowledge those you know that give of their time to volunteer in 4-H.

## **SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING**

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Campus, Saturday, April 20. 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! Sessions for the day include: Understanding the 4-H Thrive Model, 4-H Record Books, Facilitating Sparks in SPIN Clubs/Opportunities, Hands-on Learning Techniques, and more! Registration for the day is \$20 and includes materials, snacks and lunch. Online registration is due April 5, 2024, and the fee will be submitted to local offices. Click [Here](#) for more information.

## **PARTY ALL DISCOVERY DAY 🍀 2024**

**When:** June 5-7th, 2024

**Who:** Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2023 are invited to register

**Cost:** \$225 - Some class sessions may have additional fees associated. **Register:** [Here](#).

## **IMPORTANT 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 test within 90 days of the fair or show proof of clean flock certificate.

## **4-H SUMMER CONTESTS – SAVE THE DATES!**

Youth Challenge Day – June 25th at Emporia

- Horticulture
- Crops
- FCS
- Favorite Foods
- Photography

Youth Livestock Day – June 27th at Iola

- Livestock
- Meats
- Skillathon

More details to come!

## **YOUTH LIVESTOCK EVENTS**

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

## **PHOTOGRAPHY SHUTTERBUGS**

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Committee. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. The events typically end around Noon. Examples of sessions include: Portfolio, I have a camera-now what? Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings & Kaleidoscopes/Reflections. Visit [Here](#) for more information.

## **FEEDING YOUR FUTURE**

- Cost: \$75 deposit per participant.
- Camp Dates: July 16 – 20, 2024 at the K-State Manhattan Campus
- Number of spots: 30
- For 10-12th grade high school students for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year

You will 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. The camp lasts 4 nights and cost includes lodging in K-State residence halls, meals and a Saturday brunch for up to two guests or family members, \$15 for each additional guest. Join our interest list [Here](#) so you can be notified when registration opens.

## **4-H LIVESTOCK CAMP**

Improve judging skills, enhance reasons scores, learn about livestock skillathon, quiz bowl and meats judging. Bourbon County Fairgrounds on June 17-18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day. Cost is \$20 which includes materials, lunches and snacks. Register: [Here](#) by Friday, June 7.



## **2024 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](#).

## **K-STATE ANIMAL SCIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Applications are now open for the 2024 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy. The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field. The program will be held June 5-8. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2024. Apply [Here](#).

## **DISTRICT HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC**

Neosho County Fairgrounds, Erie, KS on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (ish). For more information click [Here](#).

## **ALLEN COUNTY NEWS**

### **DAY CAMP - Save the Date**

Allen County 4-H Council will hold their annual 4-H Day Camp on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. All 4-H'ers who would like to help, please reach out to Jennifer and please plan to mark your calendars. Details and registration will be coming soon!

### **ALLEN COUNTY FAIR**

Fair is scheduled for July 25-29, 2024. In response to the survey conducted after last year's fair, the schedule is being updated. Static exhibits will now be judged on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### **ALLEN COUNTY FAIR THEME**

The Allen County Fair theme selected by the 4-H Council is "Over The Moon With 4-H."

### **SMALL ANIMAL & OTHER LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN AND TAG-IN**

Small Animal & Other Livestock Weigh-in and Tag-in (bucket calf, meat goat, sheep, and swine) will be Wednesday, April 24, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds. If you are not able to attend, please plan to send your stock with someone.

## **BOURBON COUNTY NEWS**

### **BOURBON COUNTY FAIR**

Fair is scheduled for July 15-19, 2024.

### **LIVESTOCK INFORMATION**

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.

### **MEAT GOATS, SHEEP, SWINE TAGGING**

Saturday, April 27, Bourbon County Fairgrounds, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 1, Uniontown High School Parking Lot 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

The 2024 Fair theme is "Walk the Red Carpet With 4-H". Members are encouraged to use Hollywood decorations for all Livestock Stall Entries, Poultry and Rabbit Exhibits, 4-H Club Banners and Booth Displays.

### **POULTRY AND RABBIT PROJECT MEMBERS**

**\*Rabbit Fryer Pen Rules:** A Fryer pen will consist of a pen of 3 rabbits either all male or all female. They must all be of the same breed and each exhibitor will be responsible for obtaining their own rabbits. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry. Weight of pen should range from 10 lbs. to 17 lbs. The fryer pen will count as 1 of the maximums of 2 species an exhibitor is eligible to sell.

**\*Poultry Broiler Pen Rules:** A 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 should range from 12 lbs. to 19 lbs. Broiler pen will count as 1 of the maximums of 2 species an exhibitor is eligible to sell.

## **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 May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 fair 4hrs. will be notified when birds are ready for pickup. Price per bid TBD hatch time but approx. \$3.15 per bird. Number of bird's minimum order of 10. Contact the Extension Office before May 3, 2024 by calling 620-223-3720.

## **NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS**

### **NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR**

Fair is scheduled for July 25-29, 2024

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

The 2024 County Fair theme is "Unveiling Potential, Unleashing Heroes". 4-H members are encouraged to use Super Hero decorations for all Livestock Stall Entries, Poultry and Rabbit Exhibits, 4-H Club Banners and Booth Displays.

### **FAIR AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED**

Neosho County 4-H needs award sponsors for the following, cost will be \$35.00 each.

- Horticulture Judging 1st Place Intermediate
- Horticulture Judging 1st Place Junior
- Horticulture Judging 1st Place Senior
- Horticulture Judging 2nd Place Intermediate
- Horticulture Judging 2nd Place Junior
- Horticulture Judging 3rd Place Intermediate
- Horticulture Judging 3rd Place Junior
- Horticulture Judging 3rd Place Senior

### **SHEEP/MEAT GOAT/SWINE TAGGING & WEIGHING**

Please mark your calendar for Monday, April 29th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Erie. The cost per tag is \$4.00. If you are unable to make the date, please make arrangement for someone else to bring your animals in. If you have questions contact Krista Harding at 620-244-3826.

## **WOODSON COUNTY NEWS**

### **WOODSON COUNTY FAIR**

Woodson County Fair is scheduled for July 17-20, 2024. New schedule has been sent via e-mail.

