February 2022

Did you see? County fair dates are set!
Main Fair - August 3rd-7th, Pre-Fair July 29th

Purple Power Pack - Day Camp! (Save the date)
Save the date for June 4th. Purple power pack agents (RL,WB,PT,GE,DK) will be hosting a day camp at Rock Springs for 4-H’ers in grades 1st-5th. Full details will be out shortly, but we are planning fun and educational activities to share with our younger 4-H'er’s.

(P.S. we also will be looking for older 4-H’ers to help as day camp counselors. Counselors helping us will stay overnight to carry on with additional fun and leadership experiences).

Horticulture Project Meeting
Are you in the horticulture project? Or maybe interested in learning more about the project area? Here is a great opportunity for you! Pottawatomie “Extension Master Gardener” volunteers are offering their time end expertise with two county wide project meetings. Sign-up to RSVP (note, we realize June may need to be a tentative RSVP!)
Sign-up at: https://forms.gle/HsLffTSrlpZQpDu4A

Introduction to 4-H Horticulture Project
Saturday, April 9th, 10am @ Sunflower Meeting room
Topic: Is 4-H horticulture right for me? Activities will include: houseplants, flowers, garden vegetables, herbs,

Pre-Fair Horticulture Exhibit Preparation
Wednesday, June 29th, 7pm @ Sunflower Meeting Room
Topic: How to display/exhibit horticulture projects at the fair, how to pick the best samples, tips, etc

Beginner Photography Project Meeting
Photography is one of the most popular projects in Pottawatomie 4-H! For those getting started (or interested) in the project, don’t miss this opportunity to learn from an experienced 4-H member. Kiersten Blankley of Westy Trailblazers will be leading an interactive project meeting on March 7th at 6:30pm at the Sunflower Room in Westmorland. The meeting will be about an hour in length and would be great for younger 4-H members.
RSVP by March 2nd to the event at: https://forms.gle/J7PxdjwN9Z63h4s77

Leadership Crossover Series - Great for a leadership project experience!
Join high school 4-H’ers from Meadowlark district and Pottawatomie county for a 2-part “Leadership Crossover” experience. Part 1 will take place in Onaga on March 20th, Part 2 will be planned with help of attending 4-H’ers for June. The goal of Crossover is to help build your leadership and facilitation skills in a fun and interactive way. Skills that you can use in your club, school, community, and beyond. This will be led by PT 4-H Agent Daniel and NM 4-H program manager Deb Henry. Flyer located at the end of this newsletter.
RSVP by 3/10 to 4-H Agent Daniel- skuciusd@ksu.edu / 785-457-3319
Beef Showmanship Project Meeting (Tentative)
Hayes Rickstrew, 2021 PT fair senior Showmanship winner, will be hosting a beef showmanship project meeting! Tentatively set for March 12th, this project meeting will take place at the Onaga Fairgrounds. Once final details are set, we will e-mail those registered in the beef and bucket calf project areas. This would be a great opportunity for younger 4-H youth to learn and practice with an experienced 4-H’er beef showman!

Horse Level Testing + May 1st Horse ID Deadline
Interested in horse level testing? Now is a great time! While not needed for the PT county fair, all District Horse Show participants will need to have completed Level 1 testing by the district show deadline. In order to participate at the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must qualify at a District Horse Show. Once ready, district horse show info will be posted to https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferenceevents/horse/districthorseshows.html. Pottawatomie falls within the NE area horse show.

Additionally, County Horse ID papers are due May 1st to our extension office. The horse ID document can be found at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/P1039%20Horse%20ID%20Form%20Fillable.pdf

Host International 4-H Delegates
Several programs are now accepting applications to be host families for international 4-H delegates. Programs range from 2-3 weeks to even the whole academic year. Those interested should visit: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html. Host family information is found at the bottom of the page.

2022 Willie and the Beanstalk contest
K-State agronomy is hosting a beanstalk competition. The contest is to see who can grow the biggest soybean plant in a 40-day period. Judging will take place on April 9th, 2022 at the K-State Manhattan campus as part of the 2022 K-State Open House activities. All contestants who submit a plant for judging will receive a free T-shirt and there will be plaques and certificates for the winning teams. Register at: https://www.agronomy.k-state.edu/k12-youth-and-educators/willie-and-the-beanstalk-contest/

Insect Art Contest
It’s time once again for K-State’s Integrated Pest Management Insect Art Contest! This year’s theme is “The Benefit of Insects”. The goal is to capture in an art piece that insects benefit us as a society and why they are important. Selected artwork will be used to promote the importance of insects and to create other educational items. Artists who have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Visit https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/ for more information. Postmark date to submit entries is April 15th.

Volunteer Screening
Do you volunteer in a club or project area? Work directly with 4-H youth or financials? Then please take a moment (if you haven’t) to sign-up in 4Honline as a volunteer. This will help start the process of registration and then volunteer background screening. Information about doing this can be found here.

Thank you for all your help as a 4-H volunteer!
**Kansas Junior Producer Day - Beef/Sheep**

The 2022 Kansas Junior Producer Day dates have been set! We are excited to return to hosting in-person events next spring. Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be Saturday, March 5, with Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day scheduled for Saturday, March 19. Both events will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and management of a specific specie. Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to attend!

Full information at: [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html)

**Livestock Tagging - 2022**

The livestock committee has set the 2022 4-H livestock tagging dates

- March 19th - Tentative **beef** tagging date
- May 4th - **Small livestock** tagging date @ Extension office (Meat goat, Swine, Sheep, b.calf)
- May 15th - **ALL livestock** tagging deadline for Pottawatomie 4-H Fair

Please note, there will be a fee for “on the farm” tagging this year. To avoid this, please plan on tagging animals at designated tagging events or at the KSRE office by appointment.

**Dates and Deadlines**

**February**
- 19/20 Citizenship in Action
- 26 4-H Day

**March**
- 1 4-H Scholarship applications Due
- 19 Beef Tagging - Tentative
- 20 Crossover Leadership Event

**April**
- 17 - 23 National Volunteer Week

**May**
- 1 Project Add/Drop Deadline / Horse ID’s Due
- 4 Small Livestock Tagging Day
- 15 PT Livestock Tagging deadline

**June**
- 4 “Purple Power Pack” day camp

**July**
- 29 Pre-Fair

**August**
- 3-7 County Fair

**Parents/Leaders: Main thoughts**

- Work with cloverbuds? Check out this great resource for cloverbud volunteers: [https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/](https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/)

- The March Council meeting will decide the fair theme. Upcoming meetings are a great time to get ideas for your representative!

- We are looking for additional project meetings. Have an idea for one? Let me know! Whether it’s youth or adult led, we’d love your help.
LEADERSHIP CROSSOVER
A 2-part Joint Leadership Experience for High School 4-H Members

Join us for food and fun in a 2-part Leadership Experience for High School 4-H Members

Topics include
- Leadership
- Communication
- Building Healthy Relationships
- and more!

Registration:
RSVP to your local Extension Office by 3/10

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4-H Garage Sale
April 8-9
Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

We are looking for a huge selection of items to be donated.
We do not accept TVs of any kind.

Proceeds benefit 4-H members in Pottawatomie, Riley, & Wabaunsee Counties

Drop Off Items on Location
Wednesday, April 6, 5-8 PM
Thursday, April 7, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale
Friday, April 8, 9 AM - 8 PM
Saturday, April 9, 8 AM - Noon

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350