May 1st - Project Add/Drop  Deadline for County Fair in 4-HOnline

May 1st is coming up, that is the deadline to add 4-H projects to your 4-H online profile. The projects you add are the ones that you can take to the county fair. If you think you might be interested at all in a project for fair, don’t hesitate to add it!

National Volunteer Week

National volunteer week is April 18th-24. This week is a time to recognize and thank the volunteers that make 4-H possible. Volunteers lend their time, talents, and voice to make 4-H possible in our county and state. Be sure to call, write, or speak to the volunteers that make your 4-H experience possible and thank them for all they do!

LEGOS - State Fair

“Legos” now have a division to enter into at State fair. If you are building legos for county fair and wish to be considered for the State fair, Please enroll in “ STEM, Architectural Block Construction” in 4-Honline. Our county will be limited to 4 State Fair entries, entries must not exceed 2 feet high, by 2 feet wide, by 2 feet deep. Please view full Class details within the State Fair book if you are interested in taking lego projects to the State Fair: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html. *Note - For county fair purposes, Visual Arts project enrollments will still encompass Lego entries.

Small Livestock Tagging

Pottawatomie small livestock tagging event will be Wednesday, May 5th from 5-7pm at the county Extension office parking lot. Tagging includes sheep, meat goats, swine, and bucket calf. We will have a money bag there for tag payment, checks are also accepted. Please find the tagging map at the end of this newsletter.

Do you follow Pottawatomie County 4-H on Social media?
Facebook Group - Pottawatomie County Kansas 4-H
Twitter - @PottCoEXT
Instagram @pottawatomieksre
**Visual Arts - County and State fair**

Visual Arts will now be a judged division at the State Fair in newly created classes. This means a new selection process at our fair for State Fair visual arts projects. Our county will be able to select one representative from our county to enter these divisions:

- Fine Arts - Oil, chalk, dyes, pastels, pencil, ink acrylic, watercolor, etc.
- Clay and Ceramics - Any original item made of clay
- Leather and Jewelry
- Three-Dimensional - 3 dimensional piece that should be either free standing or able to hang
- General Crafts - Miscellaneous pieces that do not fit into other categories

Find full class descriptions in the State fair book: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html)

**Campference**

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2021), and will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. Detailed information and registration will be on the State 4-H Website in April and a note will be shared with the system when the information is available. Encourage delegates to register early as the space will fill on a first come basis. Register online by May 15 (or earlier, it will close when it is full).

**2021 Geology Field Trip**

The 4-H Geology Action Team has been working hard to plan opportunities for youth to learn and engage in the 4-H Geology project. The group is excited to announce three great options for youth to collect specimens and learn from experts in the field. For 2021 there will be three single day field trips offered in different part of the state:

- June 12th – Western Kansas Smoky Hills
- June 19th – Southeast Kansas
- June 26th – Central Kansas

The dates and general locations have been confirmed. Please keep these dates as place holders as more information for registration and logistics will be posted soon on the [4-H Geology Page](https://www.kansas4-h.org/).
River Valley Rabbit Show

The River Valley Rabbit Club, a Marshall county club, is putting on a rabbit show here in Pottawatomie county on Elm Slough road and we’re invited! The Show is Saturday May 22. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for full information.

Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp

Youth ages 13-18 are welcome to register for Kansas State University’s first Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp, June 28–30. This event is for youth, ages 13-18, with a desire to learn more about fiber production and utilization. Participants will get the chance to shear a sheep, grade wool, card and comb wool fiber, spin and dye wood yarn, weave a small project from wool, and visit a working sheep farm. Participation is free! Register for camp here.

Poultry Show - May 1st

Chelsea Harris, our Pottawatomie county fair poultry superintendent and 4-H poultry leader, has organized a Pottawatomie county poultry show! Full informational can be found in the attached flyer. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Chelsea at: thinkpinkchelsea@yahoo.com. RSVP by April 26th.

2021 Discovery Days - Registration Open!

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held June 1-4th, 2021. Youth 4-H age 13-18 can register to follow various educational “tracks”. Cost is $35. Find out more and register at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html

County Fair Awards

County fair awards letters will soon be mailed from our office. We do have some awards available for sponsorship for interested families or businesses! Let our office professional, Jeanna, know if you are interested in sponsoring one of these awards! (jjeanna@ksu.edu)

- Champion Field Crops - $20
- Champion Photography Black and White: Intermediate - $20
- Meat Goat Rate of Gain Champion - $20
- Horse Showmanship, JR - $20
- Champion Sheep Ewe Belt Buckle - Cost Varies based on buckle
- Champion Overall Meat Goat Buckle - Split 3 ways, one sponsor needed ($40)
2021 Tractor Safety Training - Jun 8,9

If you are 14 or 15 years old, you must complete a tractor safety training course to work for anyone other than your parents or legal guardian. Youth 16 and older are welcome to attend to improve skills. Full information found in the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

**KAP Project Report Forms**

As a reminder from last fall, Kansas 4-H has transitioned to Project report forms. The new forms, guides, and tutorials from Kansas 4-H have been added to our county website.

Find them at this link: [https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/ks-4-h-award-portfolio.html](https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/ks-4-h-award-portfolio.html)

**Swine Project Meetings!**

The DeRouchey family of Wamego are putting on a Swine Project education series. The three part series is designed to help families navigate raising swine to show at our county fair. This would be great for both new and experienced swine families! See flier at the end of the newsletter for more information.

**Livestock Dates To Know**

- May 1: State Market Beef Nominations Due
- May 1: Horse ID Due to Extension office
- May 12: Pottawatomie Livestock Tagging Deadline
- June 15: Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat Nominations due

**YQCA Trainings**

For those needing YQCA (ex. selling beef at county fair, participating in State livestock shows) we are currently recommending online trainings. K-State information on YQCA can be found at the link below. The online trainings are currently $12 per youth. All youth should complete the training by June 15, 2021. [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html)
Extension’s COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

As 4-H continues through these COVID times, a reminder that K-State Research and Extension’s current protocol is that virtual platforms are the preferred method for meetings (including 4-H). This means that while county 4-H clubs are allowed to meet in person with proper justification and safety measures, that individual families who can successfully use virtual means to participate in meetings are being encouraged to do so by KSRE.

Parents and Leaders : Main thoughts for April

- Enroll and finalize project add/drops in 4-Honline by May 1!!!
- Start Project Report Forms now! They can be worked on before Sept 30th :)
- Pay close attention to deadlines. There are a lot in the next few weeks!

Dates and Deadlines

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The extension office address is:

612 East Campbell Street
P.O Box 127
Westmoreland, Ks
POTTAWATOMIE POULTRY SHOWDOWN
May 1st, 2021
8am - Registration & Bird Check in
9am - Show starts

Blue Barn Farm
9955 Huff Rd, Westmoreland, KS

Please RSVP to Chelsea Harris by April 26th
thinkpinkchelsea@yahoo.com
5 bird/person limit
Event includes project talk/educational presentations, concessions and raffle

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River Valley Rabbit Club

Spring 4-H Rabbit Show!

Saturday May 22, 2021

12355 Elm Slough Rd St George, KS 66535
Located between Wamego and Manhattan KS. North of Highway 24
Large open arena with plenty of space to spread out.
Appropriate Covid 19 guidelines will be in place.

Day of Show Entries—Due by 8:30 am

Doors open at 7:30am
Show Starts: 9:00 am

$3.50 Class entries
Prize awarded for best in Fur Class — $1.50 per entry

Judge: Karlee Wigton
Judges subject to change without notification
Prizes awarded for Best of Breed & Best Opposite of Breed.
minimum 5 rabbits per breed
Ribbons will be awarded in fur and class.

Contests
Judging — Breed ID — Showmanship
Prizes will be awarded for each contest.

Questions: Contact Steven Wright
785-265-3019
stevenwjedi@gmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/rivervalleyrabbitclub

Concession stand will be provided.—To be determined

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2021 Tractor Safety Training

June 8, 9:00-4:00 and June 9, 9:00-3:00

KanEquip, Inc.
18035 East Hwy 24, Wamego, KS

It’s the Law!! If you are 14 or 15 years old, you must complete a Tractor Safety Training Course to work for anyone other than your parent or legal guardian. Youth 16 and older are welcome to attend to improve safety skills.

The cost is $30 to cover class materials and lunch for both days. Registration and fee are due by May 28. Make checks payable to Pott. County Extension. Mail to: Pottawatomie County Extension, PO Box 127, Westmoreland, KS 66549 or you may register online at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu

Sponsoring K-State Research and Extension County Offices:

Geary Co Extension Office  785.238.4161  cottie@ksu.edu
Marshall Co Extension Office  785.562.3531  anastasia@ksu.edu
Pottawatomie Co Extension Office  785.457.3319  sblocker@ksu.edu
Riley Co Extension Office  785.537.6350  gmccclure@ksu.edu
Shawnee Co Extension Office  785.232.0062  l russell@ksu.edu
Wabaunsee Co Extension Office  785.765.3821  smelhus@ksu.edu

*** Farm Bureau Financial Services: James Waters—Wamego and Frontier Farm Credit has offered to reimburse their customers whose child(ren) attend this course and provide proof of completion.

*** Wabaunsee County Farm Bureau will pay for Wabaunsee County participants’ registration fees upon completion.

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4-H Garage Sale
April 23-24
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
Thursday, April 22, noon-8 PM & Friday, April 23, 9 AM-5 PM

Garage Sale
Friday, April 23, 6-8 PM & Saturday, April 23, 9 AM-5 PM

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350
How YOU Can

SHOW SWINE

At The 2021 County Fair

With project learning support, courtesy of the DeRouchey Family

Easy as 1,2,3

Step 1: Basics of Swine Care

June 3rd - 7pm
DeRouchey Barn, Wamego

Step 2: Mid-Summer Check-in

Early July, TBD
Via Zoom Connection

Step 3: County Fair and Show Prep

Following Fair Set-up
County Fair Grounds

Interested?
E-mail Daniel Skucius, Pottawatomie 4-H Agent, to RSVP
skuciusd@ksu.edu

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SPORTFISHING Project

New for 2021- Project Meetings

Do you like to fish or want to learn more about fishing?
Open to all 4-Hers and cloverbuds.

This will be a year-round program with Zoom classroom sessions on tips/tactics/presentations along with fishing trips, fishing derbies and so much more!
All fishing equipment will be provided!
The first Zoom Meet and Greet will be in March!
Enroll in the project to receive the Zoom Link!

Project Leader: Marcus Bryant has been a fisherman ever since he was a little boy catching monster size bass in farm ponds. He has 3 daughters in 4-H who all love to fish. Along with being a Riley/Pott. 4-H Shooting sports instructor coaching the BB gun team, he is also in the process of becoming a KDWP Certified Angler Instructor.

To join the group, e-mail Daniel at skuciusd@ksu.edu

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