




4-H County Fair Management Program

As you may have heard from 4-H county council representatives, we have begun the transition in our office to a new county fair management program. While trainings are still forthcoming, here are some things to know:

- The program is called “Fair Entry” and is used by 40+ fairs in Kansas.
 - Fair Entry is designed for online project entry by logging in with your 4Honline Account credentials.
 - This program allows internet based management of entries, classes, results, and more by KSRE staff, along with after hours support.
 - Note, this program is different than ShoWorks, which, is used by Grand Drive, KJLS, and open class at the state fair.
 - Open class will continue to turn in class information using cards as in years past. We can still enter 4-H'er projects manually for those who do not have internet access!
- As we get farther into spring and wrap up the set-up period, we will be offering trainings and instructions on how to enter your 4-H projects this year. I truly believe this will positively affect the fair experience for both 4-H'ers and fair staff alike!
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County Fair Theme and Date

Mark your calendars! The county fair this year will be from July 29th - August 2nd.

Share your ideas for the 2020 Pottawatomie County Fair theme with your club's council representatives. The theme will be voted on during the next council meeting on March 16th, 2020.

Horticulture Judging

The horticulture team will be having a practice on Thursday, March 13th. Find out more information [here](#). This is open to all 4-H members as they continue prepping for the state contest (held in August).

Spring Shows

We have been getting lots of fliers regarding Spring livestock shows from across the state! If you are interested in finding shows to attend, I would recommend following the link below. This link will provide lots of information regarding statewide shows and when they are: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html>

Pottawatomie Poultry Show! (speaking of shows)

Our county superintendent is hosting a new Pottawatomie Poultry show. This would be a great way to add to your poultry project at a close location! Entries are due by 03/10. Flier and registration found at:

<https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/docs/Poultry%20Show%20final%20poster.pdf>

Kansas WHEP Contest (Wildlife Habitat Education Program)

The state WHEP contest will be held May 7th at Neosha Wildlife area. Pottawatomie currently does not have a team or coach (individual competitors are allowed as well). If any 4-H'ers or volunteers are interested, let me know and I can connect interested parties! More information about WHEP and the contest can be found at the end of the newsletter [here](#).

4-H Super Saturday

You'll find judging contests, hands on project learning, volunteer engagement and more at this year's 4-H Super Saturday. Held on March 21 in Hays, this annual event promises to provide engaging learning opportunities for 4-H'ers of all ages and their parents. The contests are also open to FFA members. Details will be available shortly at: https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/ellis_nw4hJudging.html

Beef Weigh-in and Livestock Tagging Deadline

Beef weigh-in is set for Saturday, March 14th from 9-11 am at Rezac farms. For Beef wanting to enter R.O.G. contest, they will need to be tagged at or before weigh-in. Please bring \$3.50 for the tag.

Rezac farm address is: 24110 Aiken Switch Rd Onaga Ks,

As well, **new this year, the tagging deadline for all species will be May 13th.**

(note, this is the Pottawatomie County Fair tagging date).

Local YQCA Trainings : Required to sell beef to Tyson at Pott. Co Fair.

Wednesday Feb. 26th @ 6:30pm ----- Sunflower Room

Registration Process – All attendees will be required to register online. The training was a new program in 2018. It is called Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) and there is a fee to participate. The fee to attend one of the live trainings is \$3. Online training is available, but the fee is \$12 online.

Sign up for in person or online training at: <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login> using your 4-H online account. (Our Pott. Co courses will be listed soon)

KSU Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Students from across the country with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers can apply now for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA). The academy, which is celebrating its twelfth year, is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in 9th through 12th grades. Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC), the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

Find out more at: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/>

JR. Producer Day: Beef and Sheep

Junior producer days are held to provide educational material and hands-on experiences for youth, parents, leaders, and extension agents. Various speakers share information on topics such as selection, nutrition, showmanship, fitting, reproduction, feeding, and disease control. Talks, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and door prizes are present at all events. Beef and Sheep days are held in the even years and Swine and Meat Goat days are held in the odd years.

Find out more at this link: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>



It's "pasture" bed time!

Kids Corner!

Take a “Penny Walk”

Description

Get outside and take a “penny walk” to see everything that is springing to life! “Penny walks” help kids explore new surroundings and get physical exercise at the same time.



Supplies

- Penny
- Paper and pen for scavenger hunt list

Activity Steps

1. Step outside and walk until you reach an intersection in your path.
2. Flip your penny. If it lands on heads, then turn right and continue walking. If it lands on tails, turn left.
3. To make the penny walk more challenging, create a scavenger hunt list with objects you might find outside. Look for these items while you're on your penny walk!

Mason Jar Herb Garden

Description

Create an herb garden out of mason jars and use the herbs to cook healthy, flavorful meals!

Supplies



Mason jars

+



Your choice of herb seeds

+



Small rocks

+



Soil



Activity Steps

1. Find several mason jars around your house or purchase from a craft store.
2. Decorate each one with paint, stickers, ribbon, paper and other craft supplies.
3. Fill the bottom with small rocks and top with soil.
4. Plant herbs such as mint, thyme and basil in the soil.
5. Place the herb jars in your kitchen window (make sure there is sunlight) and watch them grow.

Thanks to April, California 4-H.

Date and Deadlines

February 26	YQCA Local Training
March 7	Club Days
March 14	Beef Weigh-In
March 16	4-H Council
March 27-29	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor training
April 27	4-H Council
May 1	(State) Market Beef Nominations Due
May 8	Camp Registration and Counselor Apps due
May 13	Livestock Tagging Deadline
June 10-13	4-H Camp (Counselors report the 9th)
June 15	(State) Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, And Meat Goat Nominations Due
July 8	4-H council



The banner features a central teal box with the text "Insect themed Youth Art Contest" in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below this, in smaller black text, it says "Rules and entry forms can be found at: <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/> Submit entries by April 3, 2020". The banner is surrounded by six images: a photograph of a grasshopper on a green leaf (top left), a detailed black and white line drawing of a beetle (top right), a black and white line drawing of a bee (bottom left), the K-State Research and Extension Integrated Pest Management logo (bottom center), a black and white line drawing of a wasp (bottom right), and a photograph of a ladybug on a green leaf (bottom right corner).

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Join the Pottawatomie
County 4-H Team

Horticulture Judging

Thursday March 12th
4:30pm

Learn How To Identify

Flowers & Foliages, Fruits & Nuts,
Ornamentals, Vegetables & Herbs

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WHEP Contest Letter

FROM: Drew Ricketts, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Horticulture and Natural Resources

The 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program is well established in Kansas and has over 10,000 participants nationwide. We have good participation from high schools, FFA groups and some 4-H clubs. For the past 30 years, Kansas has held state wildlife habitat evaluation contests in which the winning team was eligible to advance to the national contest. The contest is about teaching young people about wildlife, the needs of wildlife, and their habitat.

There are two age groups in the competition: 9-13 and 14-18 years of age. You can enter as a member of a team, such as your 4-H group, FFA group, or any group of 3-4 individuals. Alternatively, you can enter the contest as an individual. The major objectives are for youth to gain an understanding of wildlife management including ecological principles, basic life history of a variety of species, use of management techniques to enhance habitats, and for participants to develop leadership skills.

There are five parts to the contest: (1) wildlife identification; (2) general wildlife knowledge; (3) on-site recommendation of wildlife management practices; (4) writing a one-page management plan for a rural setting and; (5) defending that plan in an oral interview. The written management plan is a team activity. However, all team members will be expected to participate in the oral interviews.

All of the information needed to compete in the contest is contained in the National Wildlife Habitat Education Program Manual, 5th Edition/2020 Revision. The manual covers most regions of the United States. For this year's contest we will be using the "Eastern Deciduous Forest" section of the manual. The manual is available on line at www.whep.org. We will meet and complete indoor activities at Parish Hall, 208 Washington, St. Paul, KS 66771. Outdoor activities will be completed at nearby Neosho Wildlife Area.

If you are interested in competing or coaching, contact Daniel at skuciUSD@ksu.edu

