**Personal Note / 4-H Questions**

For those who may not know, my wife and I are expecting a little girl near the end of January! That being said, I will be out with paternity leave for a couple of weeks. During that time, my co-workers will be helping to cover 4-H questions that you may have. The plan is for me to be back in time to wrap up and organize 4-H day registration. Each of them are more than qualified to help you out!

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**4-H Club Days**

When: February 27th (Registration is due by February 19th!)
Where: Wamego and Live Virtual

There are several important changes to events this year to promote safety and social distancing. Full information is found in the “2021 4-H Day Packet” at the link below.

Information and Registration: https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/4H%20Day.html

*The live virtual option is being offered for all events. If you feel comfortable presenting this way, please consider the option as a way to promote event safety!* 

**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.
Citizenship Washington Focus: Starting soon!

Do you have a 4-Hers that will be 14 years old or older by January 1st of 2022? If so, we invite you to join us on the adventure of a lifetime. This opportunity allows our county youth to engage with a whole new group of friends, learn about citizenship and leadership, and ultimately travel across the country to see first-hand what happens in our nation’s capital. Departing in the summer of 2022, 4-Hers will go cross-country via bus, stopping at pre-determined destinations along the way. Arriving at the National 4-H Center just outside D.C., our delegates will engage in a week-long program that includes multiple visits to Capitol Hill, most of the memorials in D.C., as well as a day spent exploring the various sites and museums on the Capital Mall.

On Monday, January 18 at 6:00 pm, we will be hosting a Q & A session via Zoom. This meeting is for anyone wanting to know more about the CWF experience. Our first official CWF meeting will take place in February. Zoom link: https://ksu.zoom.us/j/94613449323

4-H Online Project Years - PSA

Families who enrolled quickly this year in 4-H online may have noticed a bug in the system that set all projects years at “1”. The bug has since been fixed, but it didn’t fix the early enrollees. So, just FYI, our awesome Office Professional is currently working through profiles to correct project years. There is nothing you need to do, but just be aware that the process is in motion!

Summer Camp Dates

Mark your calendars, summer camp is schedule!
Purple Power Pack Counselors: June 17-18
Purple Power Pack Camp: June 18-21

More information is sure to come, but the overall goal of Rock Springs is to offer an in-person camp experience using recommendation from the American Camping Association and other guidance.

4-H Day with the Wildcats- Cancelled

Please note, that with respect to KSRE and K-State Sports COVID-19 protocol, the “4-H Day with the Women Wildcats will not be occurring the year. The organizing committee is looking into possible future options if the COVID situation improves
Livestock Dates To Know

March 20: Pottawatomie Beef Weigh-in (Tentative, details being confirmed)

May 1: State Market Beef Nominations Due

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.,

https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html

Citizens in Action

What: Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you’ll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

When: February 14-15, 2021

Where: Virtual

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Registration Deadline: February 1, 2021

More info and Registration
4-H Scholarships

The 2020 Kansas 4-H Scholarship is now available! Applications for all 2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2021. Visit: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html

JR. Producer Day: Beef and Sheep

The 2021 KSU Junior Producer Days will be hosted virtually as week-long educational events this year. Kansas Junior Swine Producer Week will be February 15-20, 2021, with Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week being March 15-20. There will be a few presentations throughout the week, with each of the programs wrapping up on Saturday morning. The junior day events will be free this year, thanks to gracious sponsors, but all participants will still need to register. Participants will need to register by February 8 and March 8, respectively, to receive the information. Flyers are found at the end of this newsletter.

Here are the registration links:

Swine: https://bit.ly/KSUJrSwineWeek


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Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week

Join us March 15-20 for a virtual Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week. This educational event will span a week of sessions during which youth, parents, meat goat project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge of meat goat production and management practices. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students, and guest speakers. Sessions will be conducted during the week, with the program concluding on Saturday morning. All presentations will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows. The program is free this year, but all attendees will need to register using the link below.

Register Online by March 8!

Schedule (tentative):

**Tuesday, March 16**
- 6:30 PM  Selection
- 7:15 PM  Nutrition & Daily Feeding
- 7:45 PM  Wrap-up

**Thursday, March 18**
- 6:30 PM  Health & Wellness
- 7:00 PM  Livestock Guard Dogs
- 7:30 PM  Wrap-up

**Saturday, March 20**
- 9:00 AM  Equipment & Daily Care
- 9:30 AM  Clipping & Show Day Prep
- 10:00 AM Showmanship
- 10:30 AM  Overall Q&A, Wrap-up
- 1:00 PM  State Livestock Nominations*  
  *(optional for those interested in exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS)

Thanks To Our Sponsors!

- Essential Show Feeds
- Valley Vet Supply
- K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry

Door Prizes!
We will be drawing for show equipment and supplies!

Questions? Contact:
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K-State, County Extension Councils, Extension Districts, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating. All educational programs and materials available without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

To Register Online: https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek

Although the program is being provided free of charge, thanks to our generous sponsors, we do need **ALL** participants to register, including **youth and adults**.

Make sure to use a valid email address that a member of your household checks regularly, as we’ll be relying on email correspondence leading up to the program.

Watch your email the week of March 8 for attendee details and specific links!

K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, or their assigns, reserve the right to photograph, record the image and/or voice of participants for current or future research, educational, and/or promotional purposes. By attending, you provide consent to the above items and waive all rights to claims for payment or royalties in connection with any use of said image or recording.
Please join us February 15-20 for a virtual Kansas Junior Swine Producer Week. This educational event will span a week of sessions during which youth, parents, swine project leaders and adults can increase their knowledge of swine production and management practices. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by K-State faculty members and graduate students, as well as guest speakers. Sessions will be conducted during the week, with the program concluding on Saturday morning. All presentations will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows. The program is free this year, but all attendees will need to register using the link provided below.

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Kansas Pork Association
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Door Prizes!

We will be drawing for show equipment, supplies, & fun pork paraphernalia!

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