COVID-19 Protocol Update

K-State Research and Extension has changed policies related to COVID-19 restrictions. **County Extension and 4-H programs will now be following local authority guidelines.** Currently, our county does not have a mask order, but rather, guidelines that are recommended. So in accordance with local health orders, **masks are no longer required** for 4-H activities, unless, the activity takes place in a location that has more restrictive guidelines (private business, city with a mask order, etc.). Any participant, volunteer, etc. are allowed to follow more restrictive measures for themselves. K-State Extension included that Virtual options should continue to be included whenever possible. Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions. Daniel, skuciusd@ksu.edu

Fun and Learning Day - Save the date!

Come Join in the Fun! Are you between the ages of 7 and 12? If so, join the 4-H ambassadors and your fellow 4-Hers for an in-person Fun and Learning Day, held June 11 in Westmoreland. We will have outdoor hands-on learning activities focused on the theme “Sprouting into Summer” planned for the morning. Bring your own lunch and swimsuit to join us for fun in the water at the Westmoreland City Pool after noon. Full information and registration to be sent through e-mail next week.

Super Saturday!

Northwest 4-H Judging is a statewide 4-H and FFA event will be held June 5, 2021. Youth take part in Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock and Photography contests. [Here’s the flier.](#) There is also a 4-H Volunteer gathering to bring parents up to speed on new happenings in Kansas 4-H. Don’t miss out on all of the great learning opportunities that Super Saturday has to offer!! This year, FHSU Livestock Judging program will be offering a special Tiger Country Livestock Judging Camp the day before Super Saturday. If you want to learn some tricks of the judging trade, check it out. [Super Saturday link](#).

“Let the good times grow!”

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Pottawatomie county fair:

- Fair book - Coming soon!
- Pre-Fair - July 30th
- Horse Show - July 31st
- Main 4-H Fair - August 4th - 8th
**Pottawatomie 4-H Pen Pals**

Is your 4-H member looking for a new and fun activity over the summer? The Pottawatomie County 4-H Ambassadors are starting a Pen Pal Program in the county with all ages of 4-Hers. Their goal is for 4-Hers to stay connected over the summer. This program will allow members to meet new friends from other clubs and communicate by sending letters, pictures, etc through the mail to each other. The program will run from June 1st through July 31st and begins with receiving a starter kit in the mail from the Ambassadors. The Pen Pal kit will include paper, envelopes, stamps, a letter from an Ambassador, a few surprise items, and anything else your 4-Her will need to be successful as a Pen Pal. Please enroll below to give Ambassadors the information they need to get your 4-Her started in the Pottawatomie County 4-H Pen Pal Program. **Enrollment closes Friday, May 21st.** [Click Here to Enroll](#)

**4-H Booth Class (now called Club Display)**

Please note, for clubs that participate in the booth class, the wooden structure/frames have been removed at the fairgrounds. The traditional booth locations will now have an open space instead for you to use for your club display.

**Poultry Pullorum Testing - Save the date**

Pullorum testing is back for poultry that will be in county fairs or other exhibitions in Kansas. Poultry (except waterfowl and pigeons) that are going to show at our county fair will need to be tested. Full details to come, but right now testing is scheduled for July 21st from 5-7pm at the fairgrounds.

**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)
**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.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.

**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)
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**Parents and Leaders : Main thought for May**

The fair book will be coming out near the end of May, followed by information for signing up fair entries in June. So, now would be a good time to **start thinking of fair projects and end goals for said entries!**

- Does your 4-H’er want to take their project to State? If so, be sure to look at State rules too, they are usually more specific.
- Does your 4-H’er need leadership or citizenship experience for future project record reports? Consider volunteering as Jr. Superintendent.
- Make a plan with your 4-H’ers regarding time to work on projects. It can be a great life lesson in planning! No one wants to stay up until 2am the night before fair begins :)
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 7:30 am
Show Starts: 9:00 am
$3.50 Class entries

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

Judge: Karlee Wigton
Judge 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

Raffle!

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Raffle!
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

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*** 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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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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