



May 2020

Hello Pottawatomie county,

Can you believe it's almost June? With that, county fair is on the horizon. While we don't have exacts on what things will look like, we are moving closer towards a game plan as a State/County thanks to helpful collaboration.

One point I want to emphasize is that while the fair might look different this year to ensure everyone's safety, we will have an opportunity for youth to participate in the Pottawatomie County Fair with their projects. So don't let COVID-19 stop your 4-H projects!

Finally, we have a new way of sending this newsletter e-mail through 4-Honline. The e-mail now goes to each e-mail linked to the youth profiles, rather than just the main family account. So if you are just now receiving the newsletter e-mail, that is why!



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Fair Book

Fair book editing is in process and the goal is to have it online by June 1 at the Pottawatomie KSRE website. Note, due to the current situation:

- The fair book will not be mass printed this year, it will only be available online at the link below once ready.
- <https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/fair/index.html>
- Updates will be noted on the virtual book as they happen (if needed)
- The fair book posted will only include project/class information at this time and not information about other fair events that are TBD.

Livestock Weigh-in and Tagging (beef, goats, sheep, ect.)

Deadlines: June 1st for County, June 15th for State; Please see the letter at the end of this news-letter for current information regarding small livestock and beef tagging.

By the way, have you seen the fair theme for 2020?

The chosen theme was created by Triple-V 4-H Club



Making Memories, One Fair at a Time
2020 Pottawatomie County Fair

The banner features a blue background with white decorative swirls and circles. In the center is a green four-leaf clover with the letters 'H', 'H', 'H', and 'H' on its leaves. At the bottom, the K-STATE Research and Extension logo is displayed next to the text 'Pottawatomie County'.

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4-H Summer Camp Alternatives

If you haven't already, you should soon be receiving a Purple Power Pack camp mailer with camp activities put together by local agents. Take note that on June 12th, we will have our Virtual PPP campfire (more info at the end of newsletter)! In addition to this, that Kansas 4-H Facebook page will be sharing some awesome camp videos through the month of June. Be sure to give the page a follow so you don't miss out on them. As you participate in these alternative camp activities, share it with others by using #4HCampLivesOn

2020 Purple Power Pack Virtual Camp Counselor Training

Deadline is Today, Friday the 22nd! Join the Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp Group to focus on building communication skills needed as a 4-H Camp Counselor while connecting or re-connecting with other teens. Training is open to 4-H members age 14 and older by the training, which will be held on June 9, 2020 from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Connection instructions and a packet of materials will be sent to those who register. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/p3cct2020>.

4-H Insect Spectacular Goes Virtual!

Make plans to join in the virtual 4-H Insect Spectacular on June 15th (beginners), 17th (advanced), and/or 19th (notebooks and displays). Details and a link to register will be available soon at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/insect-spectacular/index.html>


All sessions will begin at 7:00pm.

YQCA Training

Still need your YQCA training? A reminder that the course can be taken online at the link <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login> using your 4Honline account login. Note: While YQCA is only required to sell beef at our fair, it is required for anyone showing livestock at KJLS or Grand drive.

Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament

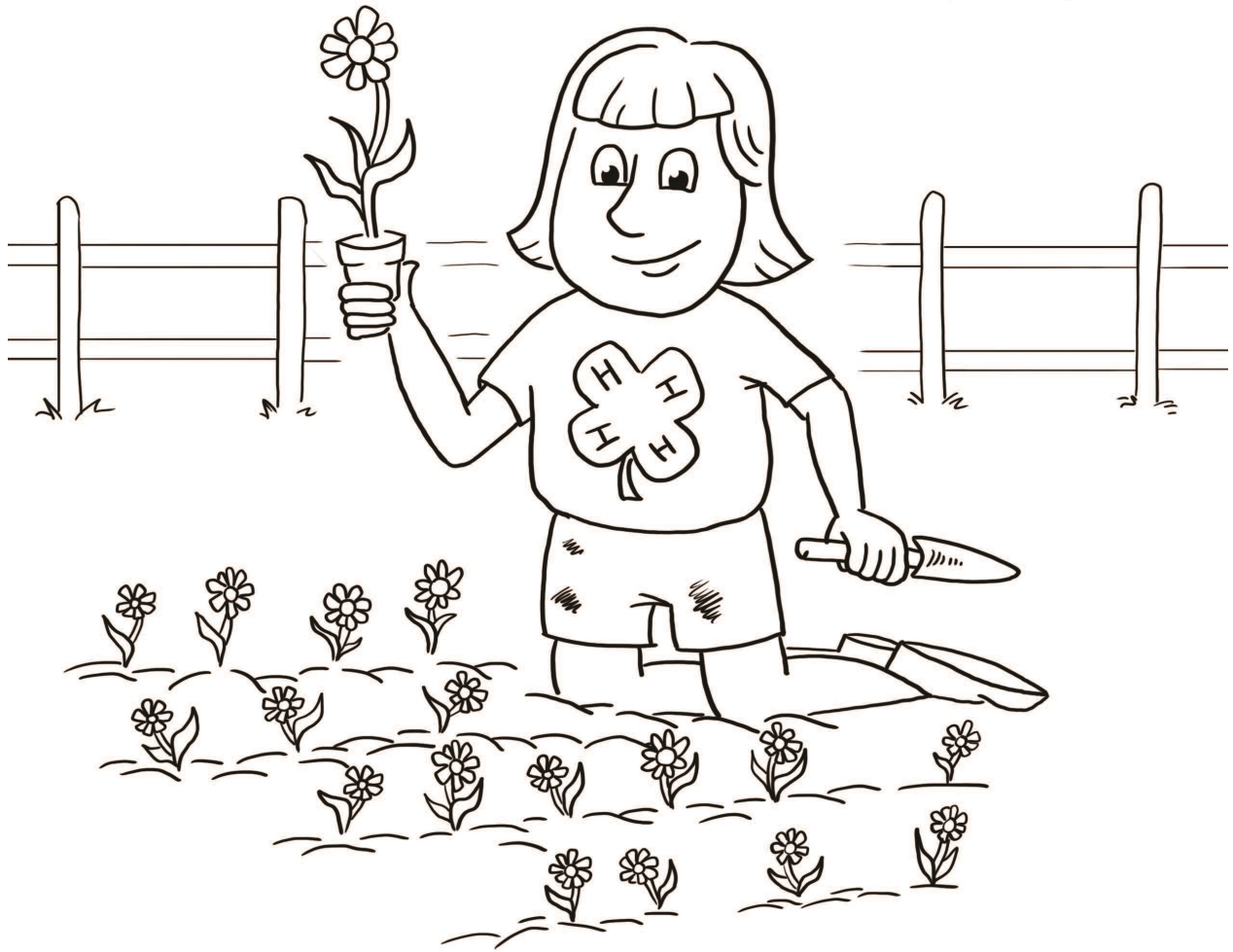
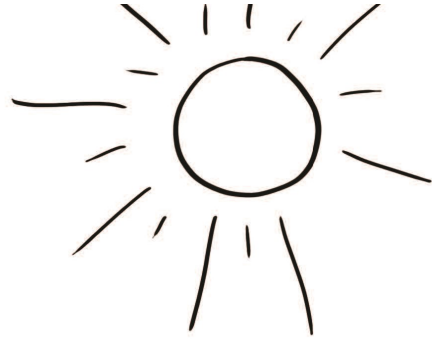
The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members. The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2020. Anglers can fish year round but entries must be in by the deadline. One 4-H Angler of the Year will be named in each of the species/categories (catfish, sunfish, crappie, black bass, carp or drum, other game fish). Contact Daniel for additional rules and entry form.



Kids Corner!



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Date and Deadlines

May 27-29	Online Discovery Days
June 1	County Livestock nomination deadline (see letter at end for more info)
June 9	Online Camp Counselor Training
June 12	Virtual PPP Campfire
June 15	(State) Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, And Meat Goat Nominations Due
July 8	4-H council
July 24	Pre-Fair (Location TBA)
July 29 - Aug 2	County Fair!

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To: Pottawatomie County Livestock Youth,
From: K-State Research and Extension, Pottawatomie
RE: County Livestock Tagging (Updated 4/20)

Each county recently received recommendations regarding livestock tagging in response to COVID-19 from the "KSU Youth Livestock Program Coordinator" and "State 4-H Program Leader". These recommendation fell into two categories: State level tagging (KJLS/Grand drive) and County fair tagging. While the two are historically done hand in hand, they do serve independent governing bodies and rules. That being said, the following guidelines are being adopted by Pottawatomie County, as recommended by State leaders, to ensure that health safety and show guidelines are followed.

Tagging for Exhibition at Pottawatomie County Fair

-In Person tagging / Weigh-in for ALL Livestock will be canceled for the 2020 Pottawatomie county fair.

-Instead, families will be asked to submit an e-mail containing a clear photo of project animals that shows existing animal identification. This can include but is not limited to ear notches, scrapie tags, other pre-existing tags, tattoos, ect.) Beef cattle that will be sold at county fair will need to be tagged at fair check-in.

-June 1st will be the deadline to submit county fair livestock nominations (beef, cattle, sheep, swine, goats).

-Please e-mail photos to "pottcoext@gmail.com" with the subject line as "Livestock Nomination"

Tagging for State Livestock Nomination and Exhibition at State Shows

-State livestock nomination deadlines **remain** in effect until further notice. This includes tagging, forms, and DNA samples. Market Beef must be postmarked by May 1, 2020, with small livestock due June 15, 2020.

-State livestock nomination forms may be signed by family and/or agent via exchanging emails, fax, photos of forms. Paperwork must be signed by all parties, but original signatures will not be required.

-Agents may mail stickers or use the KSRE drop box to allow families to complete state nomination paperwork. Copies of barcode stickers will also be accepted.

-Market Beef and Small Livestock: We will be distributing tags to families for self-tagging if possible. Tagging will require photographic or digital video proof of animal, tag, and exhibitor connection. For example, scheduled FaceTime/Zoom/videoconference or a recorded video to witness tagging. **If your family needs livestock tags for state nomination, contact Shannon or Daniel to arrange details.** (sblocker@ksu.edu, skuciusd@ksu.edu)

Thank you for your patience during the fluid time. We will be sure to keep you updated if guidelines or other variables changes. Please let us know if we can answer any questions for you at this time.

Join Us!

2020 PURPLE POWER PACK VIRTUAL 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING

JUNE 9, 2020 • 5:30-7:00 PM

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/P3CCT2020](https://tinyurl.com/p3cct2020)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 22ND

OPEN TO YOUTH 14 & OLDER

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SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 12 | 8:30PM

PURPLE POWER PACK VIRTUAL CAMPFIRE

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favorite camp songs!