Hello Pottawatomie county,

I hope your lives have begun to settle down as this time continues and that this letter finds you healthy. This issue will focus, as you can imagine, on what is happening in 4-H right now. As always, don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions regarding topics in this newsletter or 4-H questions in general.

Daniel
Overall COVID-19 Summary

All in-person Extension-sponsored events, including all 4-H programming by employees and volunteers, between now and July 4th must be moved to virtual environments or cancelled.

Events that are cancelled for 2020:

- Shooting Sports State Spring Match
- Ag Day
- Discovery Day
- 4-H Camp & Campference
- KSU Horse and Livestock Judging Camps

Important Dates that are still in Place as of now

- State Livestock tagging and nomination deadlines
- May 1 project add/drop deadline for 4-H Online
- County fair Dates (July 24th Pre-fair, July 29th - Aug. 2nd Main fair)

County Fair

We anticipate more direction on county fair regarding 4-H participation by mid-May. Even if we are unable to have fair in the traditional sense, everything possible will be done to ensure youth have the opportunity to display their work. Whether it's in-person or virtual judging, we will do all we can to save the 4-H exhibit experience for 4-H members this summer. So keep working on your projects!

Note, training for the FairEntry registration will be rolling out later this spring/early summer.

Offices

The Extension Office continues to be closed to the public. Extension Staff are still working and are committed to continuing to provide services to our clientele through phone and email. The Extension Office phone number is 785-457-3319. You can also send email to individual staff members or if you don’t know who to direct the question to, you can email pt@listserv.ksu.edu to contact all staff.
Some Ways to Keep Active in 4-H

Project areas
This is an awesome time to begin working on project areas! Right now, county fair is still moving forward. If anything does happen, virtual options are in the works. So don’t let COVID-19 stop our project time!

Virtual Resources
Many counties and states are creating online project learning and resources. Many of these opportunities are posted on County and State 4-H Extension Facebook pages, take a look around and see what you can find! I’m putting some of my favorite ones at this link: https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/virtualprogramming/othervirtualresources.html.

As well, National 4-H has some awesome FREE activities in their downloadable activity guide. Find it all at: https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/ (hint: scroll down to find feature activities too)

Virtual Pottawatomie Project Learning
if you (youth or volunteers) want to share you project with other Pottawatomie 4-H’ers, you can do the following:

1. Create a video, document, slideshow, or anything else w/ pictures about a project area or a skill set in that area. (i.e. How to make a pie crust, tips for clipping livestock, advice for getting quality photography shots, or anything else project related!

2. E-mail it to me (skuciusd@ksu.edu) with a description. Large videos can be sent via a cloud service such as Google drive, dropbox, or OneDrive.

3. I’ll post your information onto our website for other Pottawatomie youth to learn from

Note: Videos will be added to our Public "Pottawatomie KSRE" youtube page as unlisted and linked to the Virtual Project Learning web page.

As well, don’t be afraid to reach out to leaders, volunteers, or myself during this time. We might not know every answer, but can sure help you find out!
**4-H Council Meeting**

The next 4-H council meeting is scheduled for April 27th at 7pm. Before it, a food stand meeting will be occurring at 6:30pm. Both of these meetings will be occurring via Zoom. Members can look for an e-mail this week with the Zoom information.

For the 4-H council meeting, we will cover the missed agenda items from March. Including: fair awards, fair theme, and ice cream flavors. So, be sure to share your fair theme idea with your county rep before then!

**Livestock Weigh-in and Tagging (beef, goats, sheep, etc.) *** UPDATES***

State and County livestock county have had updated changes as of this week. Please see the letter at the end of this newsletter for current updated information regarding small livestock and beef tagging. Important points added since the last the last letter are highlighted.

**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](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.

**Horse Nomination: Due May 1**

Horse nominations are still due May 1 to the office. Papers can be virtually signed this year, so, send us a an e-mail with a scan or picture of your horse and we will get you all set! As well, if you are note signed up for horse project on your 4-Honline account, be sure to do so very soon. The state is adjusting requirements during this time, information will be sent to those that are registered in 4Honline.
HOSTA Training

“Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture” will not be held this year in person. However, there is a self study version available. If you are 14-15 years old and will be driving a tractor for someone other than your parents, this is for you! Contact Shannon (sblocker@ksu.edu) to find out how to get registered for self study this year.

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). Each Angler of the Year will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap, a frameable certificate, and a Walmart gift certificate hopefully to be used for fishing equipment (one per individual). All participants who enter a certified entry will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap. Contact Daniel for additional rules and entry form.

Date and Deadlines

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Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
To: Pottawatomie County Livestock Youth,
From: K-State Research and Extension, Pottawatomie 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 recommendations fell into two categories: State level tagging (KILS/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 email 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, etc.) 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.
Kansas Range Youth Camp

June 23 – 26, 2020

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If YOU are interested in plants, livestock, or wildlife, attend an educational event like no other in Kansas!

Participants: Upcoming High School Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors

Location: Camp Mentescah, Hardey, KS (in Kingman County)

Learning: Range Plant Identification, Plant Growth, Stocking Rate Determinations, Livestock Nutrition, Rangeland Wildlife Management, and much more!

Special Items: Field Trips, Steak Dinner

Activities: Swimming, Canoeing, Fishing, & Hiking

Tuition: $250 per participant*

*Interested students should contact their local Conservation District, Extension Office, Farm Bureau office, livestock association, and/or other local business for possible financial assistance.

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Contact: Garan Belt, Kansas Range Youth Camp Chairman
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