Congratulations to our graduating 4-H’ers! We’re proud of you.

Best of luck with your future plans!

Corinne Withroder (Manhattan)  Mitchell Schwartz (Onaga)
Emma Kasselman (Rock Creek)  Aubrey Engelken (Rock Creek)
Blake Jones (Rock Creek)  Elle Retzlaff (Rock Creek)
Grant Dugan (Rock Creek)  Laney Marple (Rock Creek)
Mahtee-Lynne (St.Marys)  Ben Foster (St.Marys)
Kennedy Ratliff (St.Marys)  James DeRouchey (Wamego)
Jordan Sylvester (Wamego)  Clayton Budenbender (Blue Valley)

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 7th in Westmoreland. We will have outdoor hands-on learning activities planned for the morning. Full information and registration to be sent through e-mail soon!

Poultry Pullorum Testing - Save the date!
Pullorum testing is required for poultry to be shown at county fair. Poultry (except waterfowl) that are going to show at our county fair will need to be tested. Testing is free and scheduled for July 19th from 5-7pm at the fairgrounds east building.

Kansas 4-H Geology Trips
The Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trips will be held June 10-12. Headquarters for the 2022 4-H Geology State Field Trip is the Old Iron Club, Fredonia, Kansas. Find out more and register before May 20th at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/geology-field-trip/
Table Setting Project Meetings Set
The Havice family will be hosting a great opportunity to learn about Table setting on June 1st. There will be two ways to join this day! A 9am in-person session at the Sunflower room in Westmoreland and a 7pm session via zoom in the evening. This would be a great way to learn about this county fair class and how to be successful!
RSVP at: https://forms.gle/KntvQf919nKcxuBC9

Some fair book changes to know

Visual Arts - County Fair
Visual Arts categories have changed in order to match state fair categories. This will not reduce what 4-H’ers have traditionally brought, but will just change the categories of judging classes.
Classes will now be:
- Fine Arts- Oil, chalk, dyes, pastels, pencil, ink acrylic, watercolor, etc.
- Clay and Ceramics - Any original item made of clay
- Leather and Jewelry - Any leather or jewelry items
- 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

STEM Ag Mechanics
A new class category will be STEM Ag Mechanics, once again to match the State fair. Specific classes will focus on welding, smithing, and brazing. With this being a new class, if your 4-H’er wants to add this project to 4-Honline, e-mail Daniel at skuciusd@ksu.edu and he can add it for you!

Legos
Legos has now been changed to “Building Creations”. This will open the classes to not only legos, but other similar building materials, such as K’Nex.

“Rodeo Lights and Country Nights”
Important 2022 Pottawatomie county fair dates:

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**Awards Season**

Project report and achievement awards season is just after county fair! Trips and awards met and has set the following dates:

- **September 30th**: Awards applications and project reports due
- **October 19th**: Outstanding 4-H’er interview night
- **October 23rd**: Achievement Banquet @ Wamego

**ZBooks - Project Reports Online!**

A new online record book option is here for Kansas 4-H youth. Zbooks provides an online platform for keeping and organizing project report records. Zbooks should make project reports a lot easier to make and maintain!

**What to know**
- ZBooks is optional. Youth may still choose to keep project reports via already available PDF’s. They will all be judged the same.
- The website is web-friendly for computers and phones.
  - So you can enter pictures and activity anytime! Enter results, weights, expenses etc. as they happen!
  - Unlimited amount of report entries until your final report is submitted.
- Finished Project Reports can be printed straight from the website.
- If you use ZBooks, you begin a new permanent record in the system with the current year and simply attach it to your previous records (no need to enter it all in there!)
- You will need to create a simple Zbooks profile and login. Your 4-Honline login information will NOT get you in.
- Questions once in the system? You can always reach out to me, but you also use the live chat feature. Word has it that the staff at Zbooks are very helpful via the chat button.

**How do I begin?**

To begin with, visit the Kansas information site at: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html)
The website above provides “How to” resources and videos. The videos do a great job of laying out the step to starting out. The website for zbooks is: [4h.zsuite.org](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html)

**Horse and Livestock Judging Contest and Camps**

Calling all Youth Horse and Livestock judges! Coming up is an opportunity to attend some fantastic livestock or horse judging camp, right in Manhattan! Find out more here: [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html)

**Animal Science Webinar Series**

The Animal Science Webinar Series is designed to give Kansas 4-H’ers an opportunity to learn more about the livestock industry, career opportunities and good animal husbandry practices. Webinars will be hosted live the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Register in advance to receive an email with the link to join. Webinars will be recorded and made available for those wishing to view at a later date. Find out more and register at: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/animal-science-webinar-series.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/animal-science-webinar-series.html)
HOSTA training
Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture is required by law for those 14 and 15 years of age to complete prior to working on a farm operated by anyone other than their parent or legal guardian. Older youth are also welcome to participate training on June 7 from 9:00am to 4:00pm and June 8 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at KanEquip in Wamego. The cost is $30 to cover class material and lunch for both days. Register online at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu by May 29.

Kansas 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, 2022. Anglers can fish year round but entries must be in by the deadline, fish caught after the deadline may be entered in the next contest. Participants can enter in any species/categories that they catch fish – go fishing and have fun!! Find rules and details at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/sport-fishing/index.html

Dates and Deadlines
Early June Fair book available in Print (Online available late May-Early June)
Early June Fair Entry Opens – E-mail will be sent to all families
June 7th Fun and Learning Day
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July 19th Pullorum Testing for Poultry @ Fairgrounds
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Aug. 7th State Fair project sign-up deadline @ County Fair
Sept. 30th Project Award Deadline
Oct. 19th Outstanding 4-H’er Interviews
Oct. 23rd Achievement Banquet

Parents and Leaders : Main thought for May

Does your 4-H’er want to take their project to State? If so, be sure to look at State fair rules too. They’re usually more specific and have additional requirements

Does your 4-H’er need leadership or citizenship experience for future project reports? Fair is a great time to volunteer in project areas as a way to add to project reports.

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 :)

Keep things fun!
At the end of the day, it’s not about the ribbon It’s about the learning experience and life skills gained