



4-H Agent Transition

Since Daniels departure, for any 4-H questions or assistance, contact our office professional Jeanna at 785-457-3319 or jjeanna@ksu.edu. She will direct questions to either Ag agent Shannon Blocker or FCS agent Erin Tynon depending on the topic area.

Local Camping Opportunity!

Pottawatomie youth have been invited to "Spring Breakout". This camp will be March 17-18, with campers from Riley and Wabaunsee Counties at Tallgrass Christian camp near Harveyville. Registration is now open for youth in grades 2nd – 5th to attend as campers and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Hands on activities include STEM, crafts, group building, games and more! 4-Hers will be housed in cabins and a huge lodge will be used for meals and some activities. Campers will have a registration fee of \$75. [A flyer can be found here](#) at the end of the newsletter. [Register here for Spring Breakout!](#) [Medical form can be found at here.](#) Questions? Contact Riley county extension at: 785-537-6350.

Livestock Tagging/Weighing - 2023

The livestock committee has set the 2023 4-H livestock tagging deadlines

- March 18th** - Tentatively Planned Beef Tagging/Weighing date 9-11:00am
- May 3rd - Small livestock tagging date @ Extension office (Meat goat, Swine, Sheep, b.calf) 4-6:30pm
- May 15th - ALL livestock species tagging deadline for Pottawatomie 4-H Fair

Please note, there will be a fee for "on the farm" tagging once again this year. To avoid this, please plan on tagging animals at designated tagging events or at the KSRE office by appointment.

4-H Council Meeting

A reminder to council member that 4-H Council will meet next on March 27th at 7pm in the sunflower room. Come ready to plan for this next year! Remaining 4-H Council meeting dates for 2022-23 are: 3/27, 5/TBD, 7/24, 9/25, 11/27


YQCA Website Change

Last March, YQCA transitioned to a new platform, including a new website. With this change, the original website became inactive and the program is no longer connected to 4HOnline. It is imperative that everyone is using the appropriate link! The correct link is <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Families with youth who had already received their certification when the transition occurred last year will need to go to the new YQCA website, create an account for their family, add children to the family, and sign up for their 2022-2023 training. [Find more information at this link.](#)

YQCA is required to sell beef to Tyson from our fair and to show at KJLS/Grand Drive

New Livestock Award Opportunity: Livestock Breeds

Trips and awards committee, based upon recommendations, has added a new opportunity to sponsor breed awards. Those wanting to sponsor a \$20 breed banner award must call or e-mail our office each year before June 1st. Breed banners are on a first-come first-serve basis. Breed banners awarded will be based upon yearly available



sponsors and not necessarily given to all breeds. Contact Jeanna at jjeanna@ksu.edu to sponsor.

Camp Scholarship

At the last 4-H council meeting, 4-H council once again approved a \$25 scholarship for each 4-Her that attends a Rock Springs camp this summer. This scholarship will be given as a reimbursement after we receive a list of youth that attended at the end of camp season. [Find Rock Springs Camping information here.](#)

Pullorum Testing Changes - Poultry

New pullorum testing guidelines have been released. Going forward, routine surveillance testing will be performed a minimum of once every five years (rather than every year) for county fairs. Current plans are that Pottawatomie's first turn will be in 2024.

State Fair Horse Show Qualification and Horse ID Changes

There are new changes this year to 4-H Horse project that impact state and local levels. Anyone participating in or interested in the horse project should check them out! Find the 2023 changes at this link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/HorseChangesPublic9.8.22.pdf>. **The biggest impact county fair wise is that horse ID papers are now due June 1st** (prior date of May 1st).

International 4-H Pen Pals

A Pen Pal Program is offered to Kansas 4-H'ers this Spring, February 1-April 23, by States' 4-H International Exchange Programs. The pals will be 4-H members in Taiwan and South Korea programs. 4-H members 8-19 may participate by registering on line and paying a \$10 participation fee. Applications are due January 23 or when all pals are taken, whichever is first.

Click [here](#) to view brochure for more details and [here to register](#)

Insect Art Contest


The Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her's and art students across the state. The theme this year is "Insect Superheros". The program encourages youth and adults to get creative and create an entry before the April 14, 2023 deadline. [See this link for contest rules and entry forms.](#)

Willie and the Beanstalk

Willie and the Beanstalk is a soybean competition for Kansas K-12 students to encourage interest in the field and increase their knowledge of soybean development. Students who enter the competition will work to see who can grow the largest soybean plant. The contest can prove to be a valuable teaching tool as it allows students to plant their own soybean, then watch it grow and document the progress the plant has made. [Find out more and register by February 20th at this link.](#)

Insect Spectacular 2023

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 16-17, 2023 in Manhattan, Kansas. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available in the spring. Stay tuned!





4-H Camp 2023

All 4-H camp sessions are now available for registration online at www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org. This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT), and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions.

Some things to know:

- Purple Power Pack (our former camp group) has decided NOT to designate a preferred session going forward
 - 4-H'ers may continue to choose any session that works for them and their friends
- Camp options are available for 2nd grade and older

Rabbit Project

Multi-County RABBIT PROJECT Educational Group

The Rabbit group has formed that is providing monthly informative rabbit meetings to teaching and enhance Youth Contests Skills. Please join us at our 2:00 meetings Sundays, March 26th, April 16th, May 21st-Wabuasee County Fairgrounds in Alma. The group provides leadership and citizenship opportunities. For more info call or text 785-844-0781.

CALLING ALL BINGO PLAYER ENTHUSIASTS!!!

4-H TRIPLE E Excellent Exchange Experience group is sponsoring a BINGO Fundraiser Thursday, March 23rd at the Columbian Theatre in Wamego ~ doors open at 6:30 and games begin at 7:00. Bar with drinks and snacks will be available for purchase, along with extra cards in addition to starter pack.

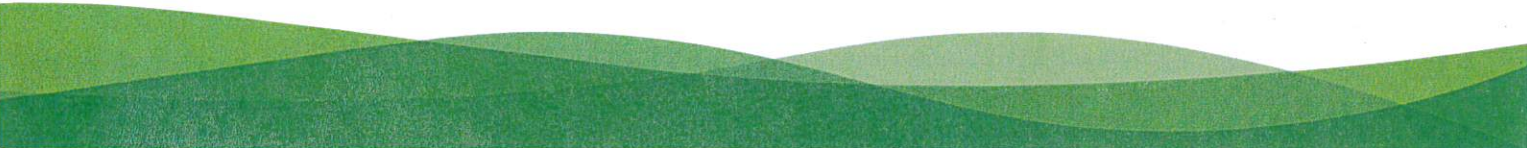
4-Hers will be taking orders for our Easter Pie Sale. Pies will be delivered on April 7th Good Friday in time for you to serve with Easter Dinner.

Members include 4-Hers from Pottawatomie, Riley, and Clay Counties.

Foods and Nutrition Project Resources

For youth that want to perfect that Fair recipe, we are allowing check-outs of scales and oven thermometers at the Extension office. Why do I need a scale? The scales will allow youth to weigh out all their ingredients, allowing a more expert level food product. Using a scale is the only way to avoid discrepancies in your cooking. It may seem time consuming at first, but the end result is a better yield and more consistent results.

Why do I need an oven thermometer? Many ovens have a variance in their temperature. By testing your ovens temp, it allows you to see the exact measure of the internal temp of your oven to ensure even more exact cook times and results. You can then make adjusts based on that. If you would like to check out either of these items please contact the Extension Office!





Cloverbud Connections:

Do you work with Cloverbuds? A great blog with new articles and activities can be found at <https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections>. Articles are posted twice a month. The blog also has a feature to search for topics using keywords and you can subscribe to receive email notifications when new articles are posted

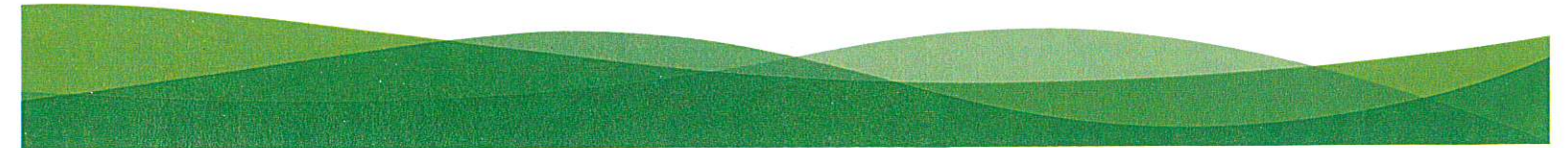
Spring Into Volunteering - April 22 in Salina

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Campus on **Saturday, April 22**. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited and ready to try some new things in their volunteer roles. Sessions for the day include: Understanding the 4-H Thrive Model, Technology Tools for Volunteers, Engaging All, Strengthening 4-H Clubs, Clover Buds, 48 Hours of 4-H and more! Registration for the day is \$20 and includes, materials, snacks and lunch! Online registration is due April 1, 2023.

Wanted Host Families for Japanese Exchange Summer 2023

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, July 22 – August 17. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 30-35 families this summer. Host families are needed who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 12 - 16. Our responsibility is to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life. Interested families can complete the application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to start the process. If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, 785-826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu.



January

- 1- Re-enrollment Deadline
- 2- NYE Holiday, Ext. Office Closed
- 16- MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
- 20- NE Area Project Report Screening
- 23- 4-H Council
- 28 Horse Panorama, Salina

February

- 4- 4-H Day, St. George
- 12- 4-H Day with Women Wildcats
- 19-20 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 20 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed

March

- 1- State Scholarships Due
- 11- Junior Swine Producer Day - KSU
- 18- Junior Meat Goat Day - KSU
- 18- Beef weigh-in/Tagging (Tentative)
- 27- 4-H Council

April

- TBA State Shooting Sports Match

May

- 1- 4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline
- 1- State Beef nominations due
- 3- Small Livestock Weigh-in/Tagging day
- 15- All Species tagging deadline - PT County
- TBD 4-H Council

June

- 1- Horse ID deadline (New date!)
- 7-9 Discovery Day, KSU Campus
- 8- State Horse Judging, Salina
- TBA- Sate Geology Field Trip
- 16-17 Insect Spectacular- KSU

July

- 4- Fourth Of July, office closed
- 15- Fair Entries Due (tentative date)
- 24- 4-H Council
- 28- Pre-Fair (tentative date)
- 29- Horse Show (tentative date)

August

- 1- State Livestock Entries Due
- 2-6 Fair (tentative date corrected)
- 9 State Fair Entries Due to Ext. office
- 12 State Horticulture Contest (Tentative)
- 15 KJLS Entries Due
- 19-20 Livestock Sweepstakes

September

- 7 State Fair 4-H Entry and Judging Day
- 8-17 Kansas State Fair
- 25- 4-H Council
- TBD Project Report and Awards Due

October

- 1- New 4-H year
- 7,8- 48 Hours of 4-H

Parents/Leaders: Main thoughts

- The March Council meeting will decide the fair theme. Upcoming meetings are a great time to get ideas for your representative!

Spring Breakout Camp

Campers - Grades 2-5

Counselors - Ages 15-18

MUST ATTEND OVERNIGHT COUNSELOR TRAINING on March 16

Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. A waiting list will be created once spots are filled.

March 17 - 18, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tallgrass Christian Camp
Harveyville, KS



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4-H Garage Sale
April 21-22
Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

**We are looking for a huge selection of items
to be donated.**

We do not accept TVs of any kind.

**Proceeds benefit 4-H members in Pottawatomie, Riley,
& Wabaunsee Counties**

Drop Off Items on Location

Wednesday, April 19, 5-8 PM

Thursday, April 20, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale

Friday, April 21, 9 AM - 8 PM

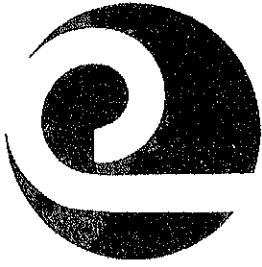
Saturday, April 22, 8 AM - Noon

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350

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News Release

PHOTO CONTEST

The Pottawatomie County Conservation District is sponsoring a Photography Contest to recognize individuals who use photography to capture conservation images effectively and creatively. This competition is open to amateur photographers (those who earn less than 80% of their income from photography) and who are residents of or attend school in Pottawatomie County. One entry per individual will be accepted. The contest is open to all ages who want to enter.

Subject Matter: Any Conservation Practices: Examples: Buffer Strips, Cover Crops, Grassed Diversions or Waterways, Livestock Management, Ponds, Terraces, Pest Management, Pasture Planting, Streambanks, Tree Planting, Wildlife Habitats, Spring Developments, Wetlands, and Windbreaks.

Photo entries can be taken anytime from now until September 30, 2023 when the contest closes, and entries will need to be submitted.

For contest rules and questions please contact the Pottawatomie County Conservation District located at 501 State Street in Westmoreland, Kansas or at (785) 457-3398.

