



4-H Agent Transition

Please welcome Sydney Pine to Pottawatomie County! She will begin June 1 as a 4H Program Assistant and August 20th as an Agent. Sydney will be a graduate from KSU in Agriculture and was a 12 year 4Hr in Stevens County. Until then, 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.

4-H Council Meeting

A reminder to council members that 4-H Council will meet next on Wednesday, May 17 at 7pm in the sunflower room. Come ready to plan for this next year! Remaining 4-H Council meeting dates for 2022-23 are: 5/17, 7/24, 9/25, 11/27

Awards

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.

Top 5

For the big four (swine, sheep, meat goat, and beef) there will now be awards for the top 5 overall animals in each species (breeding and market). To reach this, we need to add 3rd, 4th, and 5th place banners. These banners are available at \$10 per placing banner. We also have 1/2 a belt buckle sponsor for Champion Breeding Doe (Approximately \$50), and Geology-Champion Rock Display plaque (approximately \$20) that are needing a sponsor. Contact Jeanna to sponsor anything above jjeanna@ksu.edu.

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. We will not test poultry in 2023.

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: [Horse Project Changes](#)

The biggest impact county fair wise is that horse ID papers are now due June 1st (prior date of May 1st).

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 pm meetings Sundays, 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.

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


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.

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 23rd 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!



Congratulations to our graduating 4-H'ers! We are proud of you. Best of luck with your future plans!

Ty Pennington (Onaga)

Lily SinghDhillon (St. Marys's)

Irina Ibendahl (Wamego)

Wyatt Pennington (Onaga)

Hayden Sanders (St. Mary's)

Landry Zoeller (Olsburg)

Elyse Louderback (Wamego)

Zachary Dye (Westmoreland)

Sykler Zoeller (Olsburg)

Allie Blume (Wamego)

Jenna DeRouchey (Wamego)

Brooklyn Watson (Wamego)

Tyree Figge (Onaga)

Haley Munson (Wamego)

Colby Fordham (Onaga)

Emma Jones (Wamego)

Bryce Hoeltzel (Olsburg)

4-H Horticulture Fair Exhibit Prep Day

On Saturday, July 15th at 10am in the Sunflower Room (Westmoreland) the Extension Master Gardeners will host an opportunity for those involved in the Horticulture project. They will teach skills on how to prepare your Horticulture exhibit and tips on how to pick the right plant! There will also be snacks and door prizes! Registration will be coming soon.

2023 Geology Field Trip

When: June 9-11, 2023


Where: Manhattan, Kansas

Registration Link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9mMbpEcX1L0VewS

During the trip, which is open to Geology Project members and their families, you will have the opportunity to identify fossils, rocks, and minerals! You will also be able to participate in hands-on games and activities such as a judging contest and a quiz bowl! Information and registration for this event can be found below.

For more information about this event, please visit our [website](#).

For questions, please contact David Goldak (316-250-2808 - djgoldal@gmail.com) or Wally Mack (785-317-0725 - wallscout@yahoo.com)



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.

Pottawatomie County Fair Theme — Barn in the USA

Tractor Safety Training

A Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture course (tractor safety) will be conducted on Tuesday, June 6, and Wednesday, June 7, at KanEquip, 18035 East Hwy 24, Wamego. The class will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the first day and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the second day. The cost is \$30 which includes materials and lunch both days. The course is taught by KSU Extension Agents from Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties.

Any youth 14 or 15 years old who will operate a tractor, work with livestock or doing other qualifying farm labor for someone other than their parent is required to pass the course to be legally employed. Youth working on a family farm with their parents are encouraged to attend to learn safety skills on a farm. Youths age 12 and 13 are welcome to participate in the class, but cannot be certified until age 14. Youth 16 years old and older are also welcome to attend. Register on the Pottawatomie County Extension website by May 27 [here](#).

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact two weeks prior to the start of the event at etynon@ksu.edu (Erin Tynon) or sblocker@ksu.edu (Shannon Blocker) or 785-457-3319.

Requests received less than two weeks before the event will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

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May

- 1 4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline
- 1 State Market Beef nominations due
- 3 Small Livestock Weigh-in/Tagging day
- 15 All Species tagging deadline - PT County
- 17 4-H Council
- 29 Memorial Day, office closed

June

- 1 Horse ID deadline (New date!)
- 3 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 5 Last Day Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
- 6-7 Tractor Safety Training, Wamego KanEquip
- 7-9 Discovery Day, KSU Campus
- 8 State Horse Judging, Salina
- TBA State Geology Field Trip
- 15 State Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat nominations due
- 16-17 Insect Spectacular- KSU

July

- 4 Fourth of July, office closed
- 15 County Fair Entries Due
- 17 State Fair Livestock (Grand Drive) Entries Due
- 24 Fair Grounds Set Up
- 24 4-H Council
- 28 Pre-Fair
- 29 Horse Show

August

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

September

- 4 Labor Day, office closed
- 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