



4-H Agent Transition

First off, thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Pottawatomie county 4-H agent for the last 4 years. I've truly loved working with the great 4-H'ers, families, and volunteers in our county!

I will be transitioning to a new role within K-State Extension after February 16th. With that, our office will soon begin advertising for the 4-H agent position and will look to have a new agent before summer. **In the meantime, 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.** Thank you all for the great memories!

PT Fair board "Chili Celebration"

On February 26th, the fair board is hosting a "Chili Celebration" and ribbon cutting for the new fair building! All families are invited, RSVP not needed. The event includes a ribbon cutting, chili dinner, and silent/live auction. All proceeds will go towards the fair building project. They can't wait to see everyone there! [Flyer found here.](#)

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 2022 4-H livestock tagging deadlines

- March 18th - Tentatively Planned Beef Tagging/Weighing date**
- May 3rd - Small livestock tagging date @ Extension office (Meat goat, Swine, Sheep, b.calf)
- 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.](#)

Save the dates! 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!

Seniors - Scholarships!

The 2022 Kansas 4-H Scholarship application can now be found online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2022. This is a great opportunity for our seniors! Find out full information and apply at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

K-State Junior Producer Days

K-state Junior producer days are on the horizon! These are one-day educational programs for all ages and skill levels to learn about the selection and management of youth swine and meat goat projects. The deadline to register for both events is February 15th and 22nd respectively. [Find out more and register at this link.](#) Informational fliers are found at the end of this newsletter.

Junior Swine Producer Days - March 11th,

Junior Meat Goat Producer Days - March 18th

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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

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!
- We are looking for additional project meetings. Have an idea for one? Let the office know! Whether it's youth or adult led, spring is a great time for project meetings.

2023



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K-STATE *Junior* MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY



Saturday
MARCH
18

Join us on March 18 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 22 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 22 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.



Registration

\$20/person by February 22
\$25/person after February 22

*Must register by February 22 to get a t-shirt.

**To register by mail, contact Lexie Hayes for a form.

***All attendees, including youth and adults, must register.

Tentative Schedule

- 8:00 Check-in Opens
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:15 Project Selection
- 10:00 Morning Breakout Sessions
 - Meat Science
 - Nutrition
 - Facilities & Equipment
- Noon Lunch
- 12:45 Health & Wellness
- 1:30 Afternoon Breakout Sessions
 - Showmanship
 - Reproduction
 - Clipping & Grooming
- 3:00 Wrap-up
- 3:30 Optional Post -Event Sessions:
 - YQCA Certification & State Nominations



Questions

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Register Online
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

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K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

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February 15

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Join us on March 11, 2023 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 15 will receive a t-shirt. There will also be door prizes! The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the February 15 deadline, or \$25/person after that date. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

Register Online

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>



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Tentative Schedule:

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:15 Project Selection
- 10:00 Breakout Sessions
 - Meat Science
 - Swine Breeds & Ear Notching
 - Equipment & Daily Care
 - Reproduction
- Noon Lunch
- 12:45 Swine Health
- 1:30 Breakout Sessions
 - Nutrition
 - Clipping, Hair Care, Show Day Prep
 - Showmanship
- 3:00 Wrap-up
- 3:30 YQCA Certification & State Nominations (optional)



Registration

- \$20/person by February 15
- \$25/person after February 15
- *Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt
- **To register by mail, contact Lexie for a registration form.
- ***All attendees, including youth and adults, must register.



Questions

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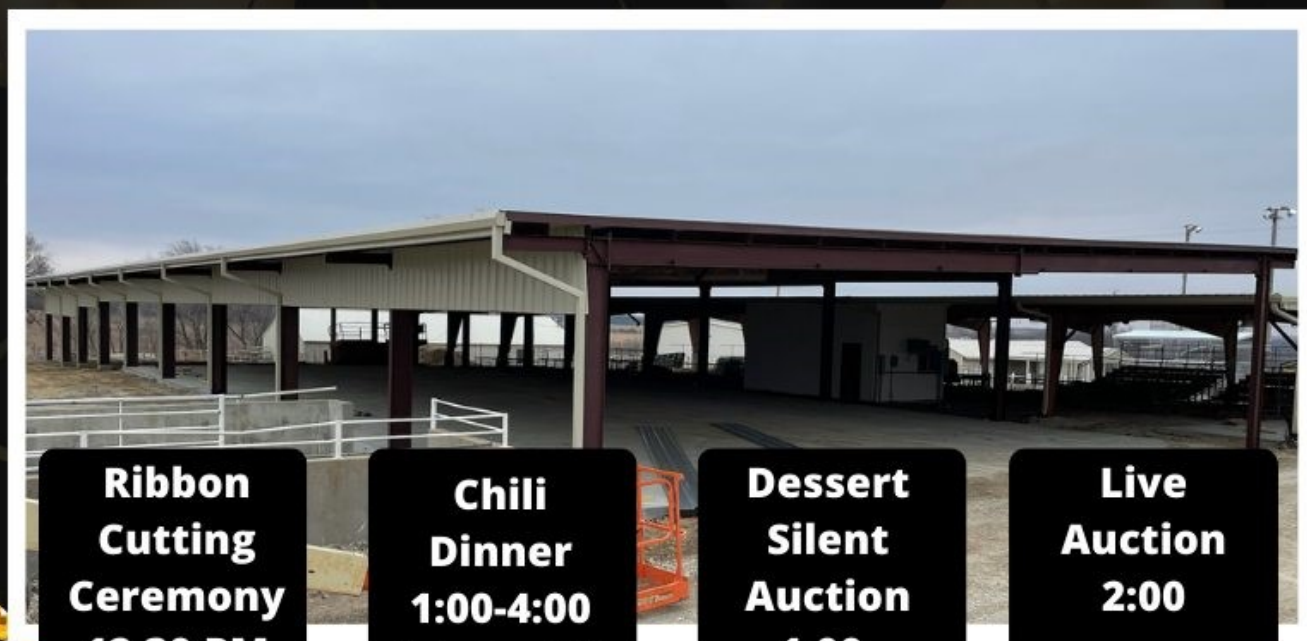
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POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

CHILI CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th



**Ribbon
Cutting
Ceremony**
12:30 PM

**Chili
Dinner**
1:00-4:00
Adults \$10
Kids \$5

**Dessert
Silent
Auction**
1:00-
Conclusion
of Live
Auction

**Live
Auction**
2:00

All proceeds go to new building project.



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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