



*July 2025*

**July Shout Out!!!**

This month, we would like to extend a special shout-out to the 45 incredible 4-H members who participated in the Citizen Washington Focus Trip this June. Among them, 12 were from right here in Pottawatomie County. Over the course of 11 days, we traveled more than 2,500 miles, creating lasting memories and gaining invaluable experiences.

The trip featured a mix of lighthearted moments, such as exploring the St. Louis City Museum, playing games like *Do You Love Your Neighbor*, and participating in an impromptu 4-H Pledge at a dinner theater in Maryland. But it also offered moments of profound reflection, like the deep emotions shared at Gettysburg, visiting the 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon, and witnessing the powerful exhibits at the Holocaust Museum.

Each of you demonstrated exceptional maturity, thoughtfulness, and growth throughout the trip, and represented yourselves, Kansas 4-H, and Pottawatomie County with integrity and pride. You embody the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better," and it's clear that you are already the best. I am incredibly excited to watch each of you continue to grow as leaders within your clubs, our county, Kansas, and even on the national stage. There is no doubt that big things are ahead for each of you!

*\*\*If you have anyone that you would love to recognize for going above and beyond in 4-H please email a brief description and a photo if you have one to [asharpe@ksu.edu](mailto:asharpe@ksu.edu).\*\**



**Fair Entry is OPEN**

- Due **July 10th by 11:59pm**
- <https://pottawatomie-ks.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/21955>
- If you have trouble please feel free to call 785-457-3319 and we can help you get registered!

**Fun & Learning Day**

- July 16 from 7:45-3:30PM at the Onaga Fair Grounds (Transportation Options Available)
- Hosted by the Pottawatomie County 4-H Ambassadors
- Safe & Sound and Science All Around

**POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY 4-H  
FUN & LEARNING  
DAY**

**Register Here**  


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## **Project Meeting Night**

- July 20 at 5pm in the Sunflower Room
- Conference Judging Help
- Various Project Superintendents will help answer questions and help guide projects!

## **Poultry Information**

- Breed ID Contest DATE CHANGE to THURSDAY, July 31st 1-3pm
- NO Pullorum testing this year! The state implemented a rotation and it is not Pottawatomie's turn in the rotation!

## **Livestock Sale Information**

Our premium auction and its schedule will look like it did last year. At 4:30 PM we will have a presale event with refreshments and offer buyers a time to mingle with any 4-Hers that are present. Then the auction itself will start at 5:00 PM. If you know of buyers that are interested in participating please have them pre-register at this link. <https://bit.ly/2025fairauction> This will allow us to provide enough meals for people attending. As we did last year businesses and individuals can do bulk add ons (per species or per every 4-Her) but individual add ons must take place outside of the sale. If you know businesses or individuals that would like to "team up" to do a premium at the sale that is great but we do ask that each individual registers so we can get them each a bidder number for record keeping. Please contact Bill Disberger with questions about the sale at [bill@kscrossroads.com](mailto:bill@kscrossroads.com) or 620-921-5642.

**\*\*We will be looking for volunteers to help with food prep, set up and meal serving so watch for updates regarding that as well!!!**



## **County Fair Leadership Opportunities (Evolving List)**

- Calling all Youth & Adults!!! If you have always wanted to help with some behind the scenes portions of the Greatest Four Days of Summer (Pottawatomie County Fair) let Amber know! So many cool and fun things happen at the fair and we need YOUR help to keep making the Best Fair even better!!! Below are some opportunities, but this list will keep growing! Come Join the Fun!!!
  - Horse Show: Gate Attendant, Ring Stewart x 2
  - Beef Show: Ring Stewart x2, ~~Grand Drive Music~~, Champion Photographer
  - Sheep Show: Ring Stewart, ~~Grand Drive Music~~, Champion Photographer
  - Meat Goat Show: Ring Stewart, ~~Grand Drive Music~~, Champion Photographer
  - Dairy Show: Ring Stewart, ~~Grand Drive Music~~, Champion Photographer
  - Swine Show: Ring Stewart x3, ~~Grand Drive Music~~, Champion Photographer
  - Static Event Champion Photographer
  - ~~Fashion Review Champion Photographer~~
  - Foods Judging Helpers
  - Livestock Sale Preparation Help (Adult and Youth)
  - Prefair Help: Judges helper, Display Area Set Up (8am-10am and 10am-noon)
  - LEGO Help

## **Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic 40th Anniversary**

- July 11-12 at the Riley County Fairgrounds
- This two-day event includes an educational swine skillathon, photography contest, showmanship, and a prospect and market hog show.
- It is open to Kansas youth ages 7-18 as of January 1, 2025.

## **Fair Shirt Sales**

- July 13 is the last day to order!!
- <https://forms.gle/CV2KtZ2Kf5uCUxaQ8>
- We will be accepting orders for fair shirts until Sunday, July 13th. Youth sizes and adult sizes small to extra large are \$10. 2XL and 3XL shirts are \$15 each. All proceeds go toward the fairground improvements.



## **Club Responsibilities at the Fair**

- The 2025 Fair Book is Online [Here!!!](#) The printed copies should be in the office before the end of the month!
- Early Pre-Fair Clean Up: Blackjack 4-H Club: Wednesday, July 23rd 6:00pm
- Pre-Fair Clean Up: Everyone Else: Monday, July 28th 6:00pm
- The Food Stand Schedule has been changed and will be revamped every 3 years to promote equity in shifts as our demographics of the clubs change! Please take note when your club is scheduled to work and make arrangements! Many hands make light work!

### **FOODSTAND 4-H CLUBS WORK SCHEDULE**

Rotation will be reviewed on a 3 year rotation. (2028)

<b>Wednesday</b>	11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<b>Triple V</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	<b>Blackjack Olsburg Boosters Triple V</b>
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.	<b>Kaw Valley Blackjack Lucky 'Leven</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	<b>Dutchmill Jayhawkers Lucky 'Leven Blackjack</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Clean Up	<b>Shining Star Olsburg Boosters Olsburg Boosters</b>

## **VIP Seating at the Fair**

- VIP Seating will be back!
- The best seat at the shows will be up for auction soon! Don't miss out!
- Follow the Pottawatomie County Fair Facebook Page for information!



### **Fashion Review Cost Per Wear and Scripts**

- Due July 18th!
- Email [asharpe@ksu.edu](mailto:asharpe@ksu.edu)

### **Livestock Sweepstakes**

- Due July 14th!
- Below is a link to a form you MUST complete by Monday, July 14, 2025, indicating your interest and availability to compete in the State Livestock Sweepstakes Contests on August 23-24, 2025. Participants must be 4-H age 9-18, but preference will be given for members 4-H age 14-18 (for contests except intermediate meats). Preference is also awarded to those willing to do all contests. We will finalize our teams after our County Fair, but entries must be made to the state (by us) before our fair starts. We absolutely cannot add spots after August 1, but have to pay for all the spots we have registered for by August 1 (i.e. no refunds). T-shirt orders must also be paid for if you end up judging or not (unless a participant wants to buy the same size.)
- <https://forms.gle/jzjZy9cpQ32kFv5A9>
- Maximum numbers we are allowed for each contest are:
  - Livestock Judging - 9 (4 team + 5 individuals)
  - Skillathon - 9 (4 team + 5 individuals)
  - Quiz Bowl - 4 (4 team)
  - Open (Senior) Meats - 9 (4 team + 5 individuals)
  - Intermediate Meats - 9 (4 team + 5 individuals)
- More detailed information is available here:  
[https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/livestock\\_sweepstakes/](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/livestock_sweepstakes/)

### **Beef Carcass Show**


- Saturday, August 2nd
- 10am
- The Livestock Committee will assist with getting animals to the chute if the 4-H member is otherwise committed.

### **Flint Hills Discovery Center**

- July 26 is the National Day of the Cowboy
- They are looking for members interested in giving Demonstrations and Showcasing skills
- Reach out to Kristine Hoffner at 785-587-2226 if interested!
- This is a great Record Book entry and an awesome experience!

### **Newsletter Suggestions**

If you have anything you would like to see in the Newsletter each month feel free to email Amber at [asharpe@ksu.edu](mailto:asharpe@ksu.edu) and I can get it in there!





# What has propelled your 4-H project this month?





## Dates to Remember

### July

#### **10 Fair Entries Due on Fair Entry**

- 11-12 Dr. Hines Swine Show, Manhattan, KS
- 13 Dance Practice (Sunflower Room)
- 15 Kansas State Fair Grade Drive Entry Deadline
- 16 Fun and Learning Day
- 20 Project Learning Day
- 20 Dance Practice (Sunflower Room)
- 25 Pre-Fair and Fashion Review
- 26 Horse Show
- 27 Dance Practice (Sunflower Room)
- 30 Foods Check In

### August

#### **30-3 The Best Fair in America! Pottawatomie County!**

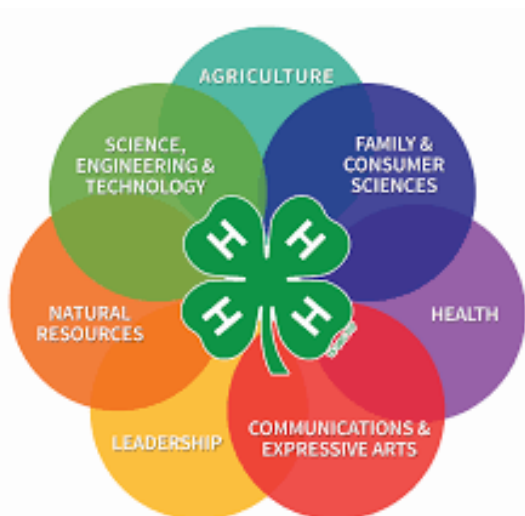
- 1 Cool Careers Video's Due to HirePaths
- 15 KJLS Entry Deadline
- 15 State Fair Entries Due
- 23-24 Livestock Sweepstakes

### September

- 4 Static Entries Due at the State Fair
- 5-14 Kansas State Fair
- 5-7 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
- 26 County Record Books Due

### October

- 1 New 4-H Year
- 3-5 Kansas Junior Livestock Show



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# POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY FAIR

## Premium AUCTION



### JOIN US IN ONAGA

to support Pottawatomie County youth

- 4Hers and their families invest in these livestock projects for months leading up to the Fair
- They learn valuable skills in animal husbandry, nutrition, budgeting, fitting and showmanship
- Auction premiums often are applied to college or future projects
- They are the future of agriculture!

*August 2, 2025*

4:30 - Meet & Greet with 4Hers

5:00 - Premium Auction

Meal to Follow

(must pre-register)

SCAN  
ME! >>



<https://bit.ly/2025fairauction>



More information  
**Bill Disberger, Chair**  
620.921.5642



Follow us on Facebook  
**Pottawatomie County Fair  
Premium Auction**



# *Grit, Grace, & Grand Champions Dance Camp*

Grades: K-8th

When:

Saturday, July 6, 13, 20, & 27

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Where:

Sunflower Room; Pott. County

Extension Office

Cost:

4-H Member: \$25

Non-Member: \$30

Includes:

T-Shirt & Healthy Snack

Performance:

Friday, August 1st @ 4:45 at the

Pott. County Fairgrounds in

Onaga

I would love to invite all Kindergarteners through 8th graders to join me in our third Pott. County 4-H Dance Camp. If you enjoy dancing and performing, come join us for a few days of fun and dancing! Please complete the form below to register. We can't wait to dance with you!



Please email completed forms to Hope Jacobs at [24jacobsh@gmail.com](mailto:24jacobsh@gmail.com) to register. Camp fee is due on the first day of practice. Checks may be payable to Pottawatomie 4-H Council.

## Questions??

Contact Hope Jacobs (Instructor/Coordinator) at [24jacobsh@gmail.com](mailto:24jacobsh@gmail.com)





# POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY FAIR

**Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Clothing, Fiber Arts, Visual Arts, Table Setting,  
Entomology, Geology, Fashion Revue

**Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

Horse Show

**Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

Foods, Food Sale

**Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

Livestock arrival, Individual Display, Family Studies,  
Shooting Sports, Notebooks, Self-determined, Recycling  
craft, Horticulture Judging, Clothing, Handiwork, Quilting,  
Knitting, Crochet, Horticulture, Field Crops,  
Booths/Banners, Home Environment, Livestock Skill-A-  
Thon, Dairy Goat & Cattle Show, Barn Quilts, Sheep &  
Meat Goat Show, Co-rec and Men's Softball Tourney,  
Ranch Rodeo, Miss Pottawatomie

**Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Rabbit Show, STEM Judging, Photography, Woodworking,  
VO-AG/FFA Mechanic, Tractor Driving Contest, Small  
Engine, Energy Management, Electrical Evaluation, Poultry  
Show, Rooster Crowing Contest, Poultry Breed ID, 4-H  
Ambassador Games, Stockman's Quiz, 4-H Dancers, Beef  
Show, Bingo, Kraft Rodeo, KickBall

**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Swine Show, Sit-N-Stitch, Sand Volleyball Tourny,  
Horseshoe Pitching Tourny, Bucket Calf Show, Free  
Swimming, Shepherds Lead, Root Beer Floats, Turtle  
Races, FCE Pie Auction, Youth Livestock Sale, BINGO  
Kraft Rodeo, Dance, Kickball,

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Church Service, Livestock Judging, Parade, Free Ice  
cream, Kids Pedal Tractor Pull, Round Robin Show





# GRAND DRIVE & KJLS IMPORTANT DATES

<b>April 20</b>	<b>Last Day to Order Beef DNA Envelopes</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Market Beef Nominations Due Online &amp; DNA Postmarked</b>
<b>June 5</b>	<b>Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Small Livestock Nominations Due Online &amp; DNA Postmarked</b> <b>-Market Swine, Commercial Breeding Gilt</b> <b>-Market Lamb, Commercial Breeding Ewe</b> <b>-ALL Meat Goat (<i>Market &amp; Breeding</i>)</b>
	<b>Commercial Heifer Nominations Due Online &amp; DNA Postmarked</b>
	<b>Registered Breeding Heifer Papers in Exhibitor's Name</b>
	<b>Registered Steer Papers in Exhibitor's Name</b>
	<b>Registered Breeding Gilt Papers in Exhibitor's Name</b>
<b>July 1</b>	<b>Registered Breeding Ewe Papers in Exhibitor's Name</b>
<b>July 15</b>	<b>Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline</b>
<b>July 25</b>	<b>Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Late Entry Deadline</b>
<b>August 15</b>	<b>KJLS Entry Deadline</b>
<b>August 31</b>	<b>KJLS Late Entry Deadline</b>
<b>Sept. 5 - 7</b>	<b>Kansas State Fair Grand Drive</b>
<b>Oct. 3 - 5</b>	<b>KJLS</b>

\*All market animals must be nominated to be eligible for either show, regardless of breed or gender.

\*\*All commercial breeding females must be nominated to be eligible for either show.

\*\*\*Registered breeding females must be in the exhibitor's name by the appropriate date to be eligible for either show. Refer to show rules for details.

\*\*\*\*All meat goats, including market, commercial breeding does, and registered breeding does must be nominated to be eligible for either show.





*40<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
**DR. BOB HINES**  
KANSAS SWINE CLASSIC

**JULY 11-12, 2025**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 24**



[Schedule of Events](#)

**Friday, June 20**

5 p.m. Online Entries Due & Postmark Payment

**Friday, July 11**

8:30 a.m. Barn open for arrival

Noon. All pigs in place

1 p.m. Swine Photo Check-in by the show ring

1 – 3 p.m. Skillathon in the show ring

4 p.m. Ice cream party by the show ring

5:30 p.m. Showmanship contests

**Saturday, July 12**

8 a.m. Prospect Pig Show followed by Barrow and Gilt Market Pig Show

\*Follow our social media and website for updates on additional events scheduled to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dr. Bob Hines Kansas



Are YOU interested in plants, livestock or wildlife?

# KANSAS YOUTH RANGE CAMP

White Memorial Camp, Council Grove, KS

Upcoming High School Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors

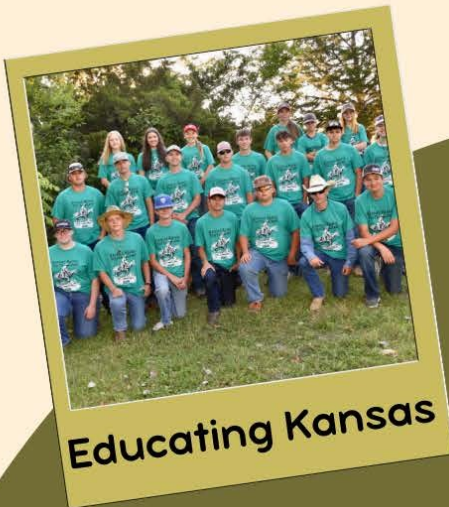
Learn about range plant identification, plant growth, stocking rates, livestock nutrition, and rangeland wildlife management

Enjoy field trips, hands on learning, a steak dinner, swimming, fishing, and hiking!

June 10-13, 2025

COST: \$300

Contact your local Conservation District for scholarship opportunities!



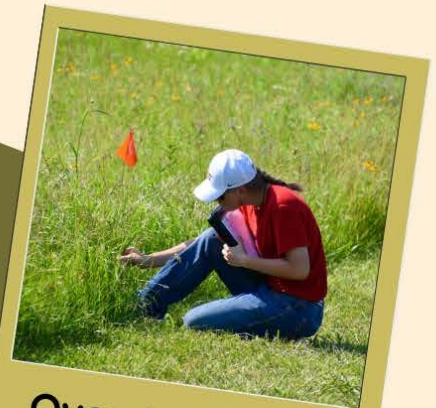
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Management



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Over 60 years!

Contact:  
Courtney Jackson  
KS Youth Range Camp Chair  
620-767-5111 ext. 3  
courtney.jackson@usda.gov

[www.kglc.org/range-youth-camp-registration.cfm](http://www.kglc.org/range-youth-camp-registration.cfm)



# POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY CARCASS SHOW



## ULTRASOUND

**All Market Animals Are Now  
Eligible**

**No Shaving Necessary  
Oil will be utilized**

**SATURDAY**

**August  
2nd**

**Time:  
TBD**

Contact us for more

785-457-3319

[asharpe@ksu.edu](mailto:asharpe@ksu.edu)





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THE BEST  
BETTER 🍀

# Bred and Owned

## Division at Fair

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Kansas State Fair Ownership Rules Apply

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- Shows Concurrently
- Registered Breeding Stock

For More Information

[asharpe@kasu.edu](mailto:asharpe@kasu.edu)



# COUNTY FAIR BEEF MARKETING CHANGES



[www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/](http://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/)

- **NOT** GOING TO TYSON
- HONE YOUR DIRECT MARKETING SKILLS
- INCREASE YOUR CHECK
- REACH OUT **EARLY** FOR HELP!
- BEGIN YOUR SEARCH **NOW** FOR SUCESS!