

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



Intern Spotlight

Please help us in welcoming **Delaney Figge** and **Hayes Rickstrew** as our summer interns!!! We are so excited to see their impact and all the opportunities they will offer Pottawatomie County Youth!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✿ **zSuite Training**
May 31st 6pm
Westmoreland, KS
- ✿ **Fun and Learning Date**
June 3rd
Onaga, KS
- ✿ **Sheep/Goat Clinic**
June 9th
Wamego, KS
- ✿ **Babysitting Clinic**
June 24th
Wamego, KS
- ✿ **Mental Health
(Adults working w Youth)**
June 29th 8:30-4:30
Westmoreland: Sunflower Room
- ✿ **PT Co Judging Clinic**
June 30-July 2
Onaga, KS
- ✿ **Pottawatomie County Fair**
July 29-August 2
Onaga, KS
- ✿ **State Horticulture Judging**
August 15
Manhattan, KS
- ✿ **Livestock Sweepstakes**
August 22-23
Manhattan, KS
- ✿ **Crops & Weed ID Contest**
September 12
Hutchinson, KS
- ✿ **State Photo Judging**
September 13
Hutchinson, KS

Help Needed

Fair Help Needed

Superintendents Needed

- Visual Arts and Crafts
- Building Creations
- Fiber Arts
- Booths/Banners
- Clothing/Textile
- Fashion Review
- Energy Management
- Family Studies
- Home Environment
- Self-Determined/Display/Notebook

Photographer Assistance Needed

- Dairy/Sheep/Goat Show
- Bucket Calf
- Poultry Show
- Rabbit Show
- East/West Building



Project Workshop

Sheep and Goat Clinic

This is organized by Emeri Deters and will have workshops for Showmanship, Livestock Judging, Hair Care, and Industry Professionals!

June 9th from 5-9pm @ Diamond D Club Lambs: 4292 Flint Rock Road, Wamego

Follow the Link to the flyer and Register by May 30th! There will be a meal provided!



Register by May 30



Fun and Learning Day

June 3rd, 2026 in Onaga, KS

\$15 Fee includes Swimming, Lunch and Fun!

Schedule For The Day!!

- 7:45-8AM Arrival
- 8:00-12PM Learning Stations and Games
- 12:00-1PM Lunch and Water Games
- 1-2:45PM Swim at the Onaga Pool
- 3:00PM Depart

[ENROLL HERE](#)

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SAVE THE DATE

PT Co. Judging Clinic

- June 30 – July 2
- Pottawatomie County Fair Grounds, Onaga, KS
- Watch for More Informations

zSuite & Award TrainingMay 31st

Sunflower Room with Zoom Option

- zSuite Help:
 - Setting Up a Profile
 - Navigating the site
- 4-H Award Applications
 - Introduction to Available Awards
 - Do's and Don'ts for success
- Bring your Computer for hands-on workshop



Project Info

Photo Boards/Sleeves

Photo Boards and Sleeves are available at the Extension office for \$2.00 a piece.

Adults Working with Youth

Mental Health Awareness

- June 29th
 - Sunflower Room in Westmoreland, KS
 - 8:30am – 4:30pm
- FREE and Lunch Provided
- For Any and All Adults that work with or have youth!
- Topics Covered:
 - Anxiety, Depression, Substance Use, Eating Disorders, Psychosis, ADHD, Disruptive Behavior
 - Recognizing Warning Signs
 - Where to refer someone to get help
- Certificate Earned @ Completion
- To sign up by either
 - Email etynon@ksu.edu
 - Call 785-457-3319



New Fair Event

Quiz Bowl Competition

We are excited to announce a Club Quiz Bowl Competition! Here are the details!

- Saturday, August 1st 3-4:30pm
- Livestock Arena
- Teams of 4 contestants
 - All Members from the same 4-H Club
 - 1 Junior and 1 Intermediate Minimum
- Team Numbers Drawn at Random
- Final Round is Against the Superintendents
- Tested Information
 - State Livestock Sweepstakes Info
 - 4-H Knowledge
- Champion Team has Bragging Rights for a Year!

River Heights Yarn Shop

Crafty Kids Summer Camp

Join us week-to-week for a "one-room schoolhouse" approach to crafting.

At the beginning of the week choose knitting or crochet and either learn from scratch or hone skills on projects. Students may be at different levels and can work at their own pace.

Tuesday through Friday, 12-2pm.

Through June and July, except for the Fourth of July week.

Ages 8-14. Supplies are included, up to \$25.

Limiting class to 6 students for optimal attention. Bring drink or snack if desired.



[More Information Here!](#)

Contest Information

State Contest Info

- Horticulture
 - August 15th, Manhattan, KS
- Livestock Sweepstakes
 - August 22nd-23rd, Manhattan, KS
- Crops ID Contest
 - September 12th, Hutchinson, KS
- Photography Judging
 - September 13th, Hutchinson, KS

Sponsorship Needed

Sponsorship Openings

This list changes almost daily! Please keep checking the list on the webpage!

UP TO DATE SPONSORSHIP LIST AVAILABLE HERE

- 4-H STEM: Champion Rocketry D (\$25)
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- 4-H STEM: Agricultural Mechanics (\$25)
- Dairy: Intermediate Showman (\$25)
- Visual Arts: Intermediate Fine Arts Champion (\$25)
- Jr. Foods Educational Exhibit (\$25)
- Notebook (\$25)
- Individual Display (\$25)
- Small Engine (\$25)
- Other Breed Awards Available Upon Request. Give Jeanna a call at 785-457-3319!

Experience of a Lifetime

Citizenship Washington Focus

Ready for the adventure of a lifetime? 🚌 ✨ Join us for Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) 2028!

This year-and-a-half journey builds leadership, friendships, and memories—ending in Washington, D.C., with stops like the Gateway Arch, Mammoth Cave National Park, Gettysburg National Military Park, and more—chosen by YOU!

Be 14 by January 2028 to join. Meetings start February 2027, but fundraising starts now to save money.

Call or email Amber to get on the list! 🎉

Project Workshop

Be A Better Babysitter

- Details
 - June 24, 2026
 - Wamego Senior Center
 - For Youth Ages 10-13 Years Old
- \$20 Fee Includes
 - Tote Bag
 - First Aid Kit
 - Handouts
 - Sensory Play Tote
 - Snacks
- Register Early



Summer Camp Planning

Rock Springs Ranch Camp

- Each year, thousands of youth head to Rock Springs Ranch to unplug, explore, and have FUN! Campers build friendships while growing socially, emotionally, and physically.
- Rooted in 4-H values, camp experiences create skills that last a lifetime—and you don't have to be a 4-H member to attend!
- Pottawatomie County members can apply for grants—talk to your club leader or contact Amber to learn more!

Learning Opportunity!!!!

Vet Med Rocks Summer Camps

- The schedule for the each day camp is as follows:
- Monday, July 27: High School, entering grades 9-12 and college. Register Today!
- Tuesday, July 28: Middle School, entering grades 6-8. Register Today!
- Wednesday, July 29: Grade School, entering grades 3-5. Register Today!

Workshops by Delaney & Hayes

Summer Workshops

Our summer interns Delaney Figge and Hayes Rickstrew started their internship on May 18th and hit the ground running by scheduling the following programs with area libraries! You don't want to miss these!!!

Reading Makes Cents

- June 26th or July 24th @ 10am
 - Onaga Library

Junkdraw Robotics

- June 8th @ 11am
 - Westmoreland Library
- June 11th @ 1pm
 - Pott/Wab Regional Library (St. Marys)
- June 18th @ 11am
 - Olsburg Library





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READING MAKES

Cents!

Don't miss out!! Learn about money concepts, signs and symbols found on money, and study the coins!



**Hayes Rickstrew and
Delaney Figge**



Friday June 26th
and
Friday July 24th
10 am



Onaga Public Library
313 Leonard St.
Onaga, Ks 66521



Contact Us

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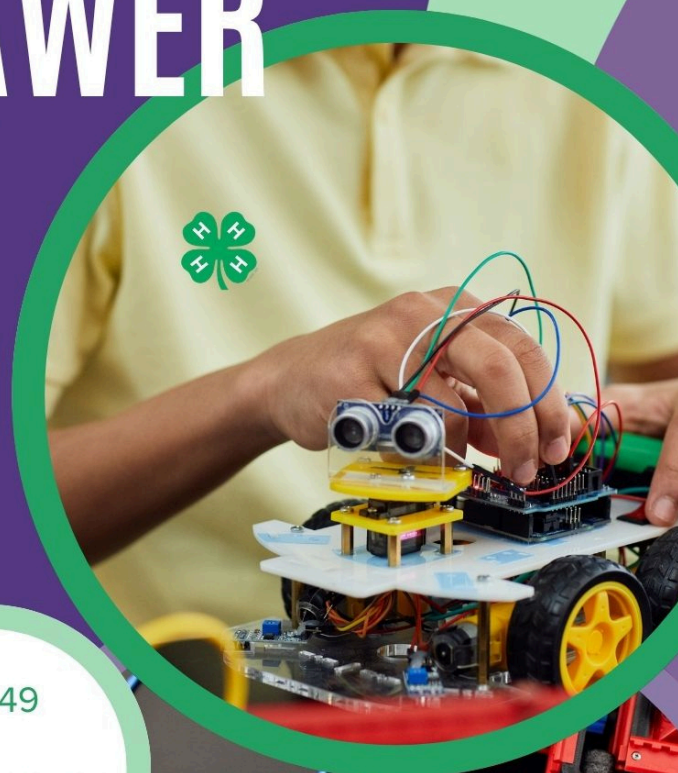




JUNK DRAWER

Robotics

4-H Junk Drawer Robotics is a hands-on, curriculum-based STEM program that teaches engineering principles using everyday household items and craft supplies.



Westmoreland Library

315 Main St, Westmoreland, KS 66549

JUN 8TH 11:00AM



Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library

306 N 5th St, St Marys, KS 66536

JUN 11TH 1:00PM



Olsburg Library

308 2nd St, Olsburg, KS 66520

JUN 18TH 11:00AM

Contact Us: 785-457-3319

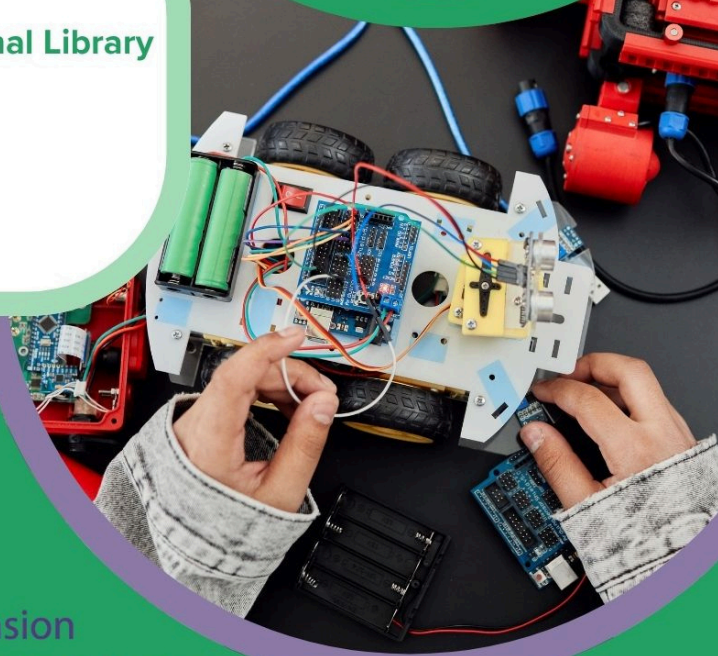
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ZSUITE TO AWARDS

Record Book & Applications



Sunday, May 31
6:00PM



Sunflower Room
612 CAMPBELL STREET
WESTMORELAND, KS 66549

Sign Up

[HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/FORMS/D/E/1FAIPQLSCXOCGIHGGMFRMOAYDOSMMV45P6DXLCSA26LY2QN1YA2RCXKG/VIEWFORM?USP=DIALOG](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIPQLSCXOCGIHGGMFRMOAYDOSMMV45P6DXLCSA26LY2QN1YA2RCXKG/VIEWFORM?USP=DIALOG)



Record Books Made Easy

Tour of zSuite
Hands-on Help

- Help setting up an account
- Help navigating your account



Award Applications

Learning all the Options!
Guide to Completion
Lessons from Experience

Contact **785-457-3319**
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4-H Fun & Learning Day



Wednesday, June 3
7:45AM - 3:00PM



Onaga Fairgrounds
**901 HIGH ST.
ONAGA, KS 66521**



SCHEDULE

- 7:45-8AM Arrival
- 8:00-12PM Learning Stations and Games
- 12:00-1PM Lunch and Water Games
- 1-2:45PM Swim at the Onaga Pool
- 3:00PM Depart

\$15 fee

Ages 7-12



To sign up, use the
QR code



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Sheep & Goat WORKSHOP

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Mason Rookstool, Kelsey Bentley
Dr. Brian Davis

Showmanship

Learn how to confidently present your sheep or goat in the show ring and improve your handling skills

Livestock Judging

Practice evaluating sheep and goats while learning what judges look for in quality livestock

Hair Care

Watch demonstrations on clipping, grooming, and preparing animals for show day

Informational Presentation

Hear from industry professionals about sheep and goat nutrition, health, and management

★ DOOR PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED ★



Tuesday, June 9, 2026
5-9 pm
Dinner Provided



Diamond D Club Lambs
4292 Flint Rock Rd
Wamego, Kansas 66547



Questions? Contact Us!
Emeri Deters: 785-313-5611
Bill Disberger: 620-921-5642



**Support Emeri Deters's
Exit Project!
Register by May 30**



Be a Better Babysitter

When

June 24, 2026

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Who

10 - 13 year olds

*Limited to 25 youth, wait list will be available

Where

Wamego Senior Center
501 Ash Street, Wamego

Plan to attend a fun afternoon to prepare yourself as a babysitter in the community.



Erin Tynon, FCS Agent
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Westmoreland, KS 66549
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\$20 Fee Includes:

- Tote Bag
- First Aid Kit
- Handouts
- Sensory Play Tote
- Snacks

Topics:

- Safety
- Parent Rules
- Ages & Stages
- Nutrition
- Activity Ideas
- Business Development

To Register:

Visit: bit.ly/26SummerBBSClinic.

Payment Options:

Online payments

can be made at:

bit.ly/KanPayExt.

A \$0.50 fee will be charged or **checks** can be made payable to "Pottawatomie County Extension" and sent to one of the Extension Offices by: **June 15th**.

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Riley County Extension
110 Courthouse Plaza
Manhattan, KS 66502
785-537-6350

Wabaunsee County Extension
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Alma, KS 66401
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Partnering with:



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS

*Spot the Signs
Know the Steps*



June 29th
8:30AM-4:30PM
COST: FREE



Westmoreland Community Center
201 MAIN STREET
WESTMORELAND, KS 66549



For any adults working with
youth



Youth NEED YOU

1 in 5 Live with Mental
Illness

Topics Covered

- Anxiety, Depression, Substance Use, Eating Disorders, Psychosis, ADHD, Disruptive Behavior
- Recognizing Warning Signs
- Where to refer someone to get help

Be Prepared

Just as you learn CPR, learn how to recognize youth signs and symptoms and respond to a mental health challenge or crisis

You Care

Be there for a friend, family member, or youth in your community

You CAN Help!

It starts with us, let's build a healthy community together



Contact Us To Register: **785-457-3319**
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SAVE
the DATE

LIVESTOCK JUDGING *Clinic*



June 30-July 2



Pottawatomie County Fair Grounds
ONAGA, KS



THINK YOU CAN PICK THE CHAMPION?



LIVESTOCK JUDGING CLINIC

Whether you're chasing banners, wanting to improve your reasons, or just learning the ropes, this clinic is for YOU!

Save the Date to sharpen your eye, boost your confidence, and get ready to dominate the reasons room!

More Information To Come!!!



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