

# POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



## Ambassador Spotlight

Meet **Shayne Pittenger Reed**! Shayne is a member of the Lucky 'Leven 4-H club and a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Ambassador. She can be found in the barn with her goats, riding her horses, or running!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✿ **Jr. Sheep Producers KSU**  
April 11, 2026  
Manhattan, KS
- ✿ **PT Co Spring Fling**  
April 18, 2026  
Onaga, KS
- ✿ **Small Stock Weigh In**  
April 22, 2026  
Westmoreland, KS
- ✿ **YQCA Training**  
April 26, 2026  
Westmoreland, KS
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April 26 and May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Westmoreland, KS
- ✿ **Project Enrollment Deadline**  
May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Call if Help is Needed
- ✿ **Travel Tagging Dates**  
May 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
Your Farm
- ✿ **Tagging Deadline**  
May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Call EARLY if Needed
- ✿ **zSuite Training**  
May 31<sup>st</sup> 6pm  
Westmoreland, KS
- ✿ **Fun and Learnign Date**  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Onaga, KS
- ✿ **Sheep/Goat Clinic**  
June 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wamego, KS
- ✿ **Pottawatomie County Fair**  
July 29-August 2  
Onaga, KS



### Help Needed

## Fair Help Needed

#### Superintendents Needed

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

#### Photographer Assistance Needed

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

### Sponsorship Needed

## Award 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!

## Project Workshop

**Small Stock Weight In/Tagging**

- **April 22 4:30-6:30 PM**
- Event is for Sheep, Meat Goats, Swine & Bucket Calves
- Extension Office Parking Lot:
  - 612 E Campbell Street, Westmoreland, KS 66549
- All Sheep and Goats MUST be weighed this time to be eligible for Rate of Gain
- **ALL Livestock MUST be tagged by MAY 15th!**

## Project Workshop

**On Farm Tagging**

All Livestock must be tagged by **MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**!

There is a \$25 trip charge assessed for on-farm tagging.

Sign Up at the following links for the date that works best for you:

- [May 7<sup>th</sup> \(Thursday\)](#)
- [May 11<sup>th</sup> \(Monday\)](#)

If either of those dates are not doable please reach out to Amber BEFORE May 12<sup>th</sup> to schedule!

## Fair Sponsorship Changes

**Fair Sponsorship Increase**

- The cost of plaques and banners has been increasing, causing us to need to increase the cost of sponsorship to \$25 for larger banners/plaques and \$15 for smaller banners.
- Please visit the Fair Website to see the updated list!
- If there is a breed/area you are interested in please give Jeanna or Amber a call for availability.

## Project Info

**Photo Boards/Sleeves**

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

## Learning Opportunity

**Tractor & Machine Safety Cert.**

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am-4pm
- KanEquip in Wamego, KS
- [More Information Here](#)

## New Fair Event

**Quiz Bowl Competition**

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

- Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

## Contest Information

**State FCS Contest**

- June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Manhattan, KS

## Contest Information

**State Contest Info**

- [Horticulture](#)
  - August 15<sup>th</sup>, Manhattan, KS
- [Livestock Sweepstakes](#)
  - August 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, Manhattan, KS
- Crops ID Contest
  - September 12<sup>th</sup>, Hutchinson, KS
- Photography Judging
  - September 13<sup>th</sup>, Hutchinson, KS

## Contest Information

**KSU Livestock Judging Camp**

- June 1-3 or 8-10, Manhattan, KS
- [Click for More Information](#)

## Save The Date

**Fun and Learning Day**

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 in Onaga, KS

More information to come!

## Project Workshop

**YQCA Training**

- Sunday: April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - 12 noon
  - Sunflower Room, Westmoreland
- Wednesday: May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 5pm
  - Conference Room, Westmoreland
- <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

## 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

**zSuite and Award Training**

- Sunday, May 31, 2026
- 6pm–7pm
- Sunflower Room in Westmoreland, KS
- Bring your Computer and record Book Info
- Bring your questions!
- Light Snacks Provided

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> from 5–9pm @ Diamond D Club Lambs:  
4292 Flint Rock Road, Wamego

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

## 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!

## Service Opportunity

**CWF Garage Sale**

- May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>
- All Hands on Deck on May 6–9th!
- See Attached Flyer



## 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!](#)

## I Didn't Know That!

**Resources Available!**

- In an effort to get our resources out to you, the 4-H families, we will be highlighting areas each month in the newsletter!
- Local Grant Opportunities for YOU!
  - Attending Discovery Days, KYLF, CIA, CWF
  - Qualifying for State and National Contests
- Check the Website!!
- <https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html>