



Aug/September Shout Out!!!

This month's shout out is absolutely impossible to narrow down to a single person/group!

So the August/September Shout Out goes out to **YOU! THANK YOU**, from the depths of my soul Thank You! Youth, Parents, Grand Parents, Fair Board, Superintendents, Extension Staff, County Commissioners, Extension Board Members, Judges, Onaga High School, Premium Auction bidders, Food Stand Help, Spectators, Families! This list is huge and you all have a part, excelled in your part and many of you fill more than one role in all of this! County Fairs hold a special place in my heart and the memories and skill set they give to our youth is 100% what this country needs to excel!

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.

State Fair Entries DUE to the Office September 2nd!

- All Entries are due to the extension office (Westmoreland) by Tuesday 9/2 except food/horticulture!
- Foods/Horticulture projects can arrive by 3:30pm on Wednesday 9/3!
- Large Projects need to be communicated in advance of Tuesday!

Send Your Thank You Letters

- Don't forget to send your Thank You letters!!!
- It takes a lot of people to help make the fair a success and many people donate the funding needed for awards. Please send them a quick note of your appreciation!



Project Report (Record Books) and Award

Applications

- Due September 26th!
- [Project Report Forms](#)
- [Award Applications](#) (Achievement Pins, Key Award, I Dare You, etc)



Achievement Banquet

- October 26th at 1pm
- St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wamego
- [RSVP Here](#): Due September 26th with Application
- Cost of the meal is \$12 a person

Save
the Date



Become a 4-H Ambassador

- [Application](#)
- 4-H Ambassadors are 4-H members who promote the County 4-H program to local residents and serve as the "face" of the Pottawatomie 4-H program.
- They work closely with their volunteer advisers to promote 4-H and organize informational/educational events, presentation, and more.
- Contact us to see what we can do to help promote and educate the public about 4-H at your event.
- Application Deadline is October 1st for the 2024-2025 4-H year



Spot Light Form

- [Club Spot Light Form](#)
- You are doing great things here in Pottawatomie County and I would LOVE to showcase them even more! Here is a link to a google doc that will let me know all the cool things you are doing and even a place for you to send in a photo!
- Use this for your club, club members, volunteers, etc! Anyone you think needs a shout out!!!



48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge

- October 11-12, 2025
- Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information [HERE](#) and start planning your projects. Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that happened across the state.



NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS OCTOBER 1st!!

- <https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollment.html>
- Don't forget to enroll by December 31st to have your \$15 fee covered by 4-H Council
- When Enrolling select Payment By Check and do not send a check! We have great donors like Blue Valley Telecom and Mid-Kansas Coop that held fund our enrollment fees!



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 and I can get it in there!

What has propelled your 4-H project this month?



Dates to Remember

September

- 2 Static Entries Due to the Extension Office
- 3 Foods/Horticulture Due to the Extension Office
- 4 State Fair Entry Check-In: Hutchinson
- 5-14 Kansas State Fair
- 5-7 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
- 26 Project Records and Award Applications Due

October

- 1 New 4-H Year
- 3-5 Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 11-12 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
- 26 Achievement Banquet (1pm, St Bernard's Church)

November

- 22-23 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Ranch
- 28-Dec 2 National 4-H Congress

