POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY 4-H

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November 21-22
- Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

November 23
- County Council
  - 7pm: Sunflower Room

November 24
- Junk Drawer Robotics
  - 1-3 pm: Sunflower Room

November 26-27
- Office Closed

February 7-8
- Citizenship In Action
  - Topeka, KS

February 20-21
- Horse Panorama
  - Manhattan, KS

FAIR FOODSTAND UPDATE

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to every 4-H family who volunteered their time and effort to work at our 4-H Food Stand during the Fair. Your dedication and willingness to serve are essential to its success, and we are truly grateful for the many hours you contributed. Thanks to your hard work, the Food Stand generated just over $13,000 this year!

The proceeds from the Food Stand provide the primary funding for our 4-H Council, allowing us to support our 4-H program without the need for additional fundraisers throughout the year. We recognize that volunteering at the Food Stand can be challenging during an already busy time of year for families, which makes your commitment and support all the more meaningful.

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to Leanne, our Food Stand Manager. While the Food Stand is most visible during the Fair, there is a tremendous amount of planning, preparation, and behind-the-scenes work that takes place throughout the year to ensure everything is ready to go each August. Leanne's dedication and leadership are invaluable, and we are incredibly fortunate to have her leading this effort.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed their time and talents to making the 4-H Food Stand such a success. Your support makes a significant difference to our 4-H program and the youth we serve.



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JUNK DRAWER ROBOTICS



Super Wiggle-Bots
- Create a marker-holding Wiggle-Bot that draws crazy fun patterns.

Marshmallow Catapult
- Design a catapult that launches a marshmallow!
- How far will yours fly?

Tuesday, November 24th
- 1-3PM
- Sunflower Room in Westmoreland

Register with the QR Code or link
- https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3qk3vjwth9YWaSG

CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION



Want to make your voice heard? Join us for Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action, a two-day event sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council! Explore the State Capitol, learn how the legislative process works, and discover how your voice and involvement can make a difference in your community.
When: February 7-8, 2027
Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center
Who: Youth 4-H Age 13-18 years old
Registration: Coming Soon
Grant Opportunities to Cover the Cost!
- https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d5dSm8afCgzlkjQ



HORSE PANORAMA

Mark your calendars for the 2027 Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama!
- Join us February 20-21, 2027
- Kansas State University campus in Manhattan

A weekend of equine education, leadership development, and friendly competition. Youth will have opportunities to showcase their horse knowledge, build valuable skills, connect with other 4-H members, and learn from industry professionals.
Additional details about contests, schedules, and registration will be announced in the coming months.
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KS 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Due January 4th 2027

Click the link below for information on free money!!!

https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html



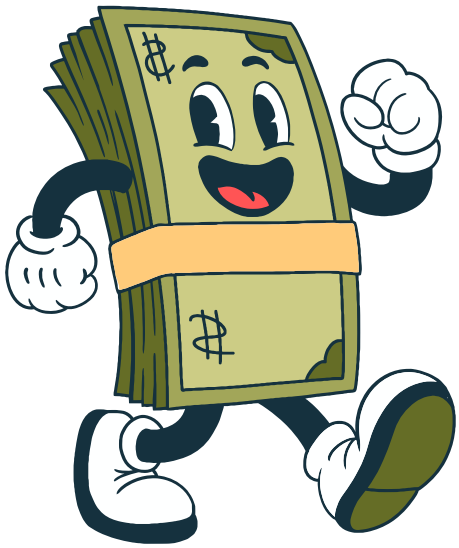
NEW AGRICULTURE AGENT!

Welcome Wyatt Kirwan to K-State Extension – Pottawatomie County!

Wyatt joins us as the new Ag & Natural Resources Extension Agent beginning **November 23rd**. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from South Dakota State University and brings experience as an OSU Ag/4-H Extension Agent and USDA-NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist. Wyatt, his wife Joni, and their two children will relocate to Kansas from Nebraska to be closer to family. He looks forward to serving and connecting with the residents of Pottawatomie County.

Please join us in welcoming Wyatt to Pottawatomie County! When you are in Westmoreland stop in and say Hi!!





LOCAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES!

https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html

Ready to take your 4-H experience to the next level?

- Interested in attending a leadership event?
- Qualified for a State or National Team?
- Found a project area camp or program that sparked your interest?

Don't let funding hold you back! Your 4-H County Council sets aside money each year to help make these amazing opportunities possible.

Apply for a grant today! Visit our 4-H Forms & Resources page and complete the simple grant application.

This is just one of the many ways the money raised through our Fair Food Stands is given back to YOU!

Apply Today. Explore Opportunities. Make Memories. Grow as a Leader!

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HELP SHAPE WALK KANSAS

Kansas State University is seeking input from

- Rural youth (grades 7–12)
- Parents and caregivers
- 4-H volunteers
- Extension professionals

Let's help explore how Walk Kansas could be adapted into a team-based physical activity challenge for rural youth through their 4-H clubs.

Participants are invited to join a 60–90-minute group discussion to share their perspectives and ideas. Those who participate will receive a $25 gift card as a thank-you for their time.

Please see the flyer for additional information and encourage eligible youth, families, and volunteers to consider participating! For questions or additional information, scan the QR code or contact walkks4h@ksu.edu.
Thank you for helping support this research and strengthen opportunities for rural Kansas youth!





OPEN ARENA NIGHTS

Bilbrey Family Event Center is hosting Open Arena Nights

- 1pm - 8pm
- $20/Horse
- Dates
  - November 20th
  - December 18th
  - January 15th
  - February 12th
  - March 26th
  - April 23rd



Enjoy the state-of-the-art facilities in a climate-controlled environment and practice those equine skills!!!

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