



October Shout Out!!!

This month's long-overdue shout-out goes to Bill Disberger!

Bill is the face behind the Premium Auction, the man behind the big checks, and the face everyone sees hitting the pavement to secure funding for our youth. His dedication to the sale doesn't just start in July, it's a year-round commitment. Beyond the enormous task of organizing the sale, Bill brings in Cross Roads Realty to manage day-of procedures, collects all the checks, and cuts every single one. But his work doesn't stop there, he's always brainstorming new ways to bring more money into the youth projects we care so deeply about. Bill understands that these checks go far beyond the auction block; they help fund future projects, build college savings, and maybe even allow for a little well-earned fun. Thank you, Bill, for your tireless efforts and unwavering support of our youth. You are truly appreciated!



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.

Livestock Premium and Ribbon Premium Checks



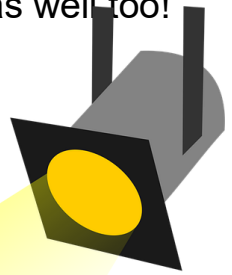
- These have both been cut! Livestock checks were mailed out 2 weeks ago, so if you have not gotten them or there is an issue please contact Bill Disberger.
- Ribbon Premiums have been given to most club leaders and/or they are in the extension office! The checks still in the office will also be available at the Banquet for pick up as well too!

Achievement Banquet

- October 26th at 1pm
- St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wamego
- [RSVP Here](#): Deadline Extended to October 13th
- Cost of the meal is \$12 a person

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 who 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 and select "Pay with Check" to have your \$15 fee covered by 4-H Council!
- Do not send a check! We have great donors like Blue Valley Telecom and Mid-Kansas Coop that held fund our enrollment fees!



Totals are in for the Food Sale at the Fair

- All the foods projects that are sold after they are judged not only supply an endless bounty of deliciousness to campers, tables and the Fair Office, but the money collected is donated to Community Care Ministries to serve others in the community!
- This year YOU ALL donated **\$628.75!!!!**

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

- Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2026 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.
- Deadline to Register is October 15th!!!
- <https://web.cvent.com/event/6e797cb7-6c3d-4110-abb7-6c33742a0411/regProcessStep1>

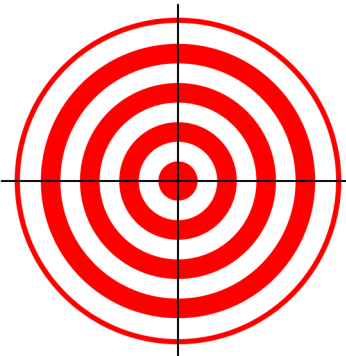


Citizen Washington Focus (CWF)

- Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Join us as we start our journey towards Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) 2028. The CWF experience brings together our area 4-Hers for a year and a half of leadership, team-building, and friendship. In the summer of 2028 our delegation will travel across the country to participate in an immersive citizenship experience, ultimately landing in Washington, D.C.. As we travel east, we will make stops at a number of sites; St. Louis Arch, Mammoth Cave, Gettysburg, Etc, which will be determined by the 4-Hers during our time together. Please consider coming along for the ride, as this is truly the experience of a lifetime. Anyone who will be (14) by January of 2028 is eligible to participate.
- Although we will not start the formal meeting process until February of 2027, we need to keep the fundraising in order to keep trip costs low for delegates and their families. One of the ways we do this is by offering (2) large garage sales each year, one in fall and one in spring at the Riley County fairground facilities. Funds raised go directly towards CWF.
- Our next garage sale will take place October 15-18, 2025 and we will need all hands on deck to assist with intake, the sale, and load-out after the sale. Delegates do have a requirement of (50) hours of volunteer service, so this a great way to start working on those hours and raise funds.



Shooting Sports!



- If you have a child that would like to participate in BB Gun, Air Pistol or Air Rifle, please make sure that they are enrolled by **Oct. 13th (new and returning shooters)**.
- There is a beginning air gun class on Oct. 24th and 25th that is required for new shooters.
- Information regarding the class will be sent out to those who are enrolled.
- Questions Please reach out to Marcus Bryant or Nathan Zeit!

Website Changes!

- Be on the look out for website changes! We are working on making "Projects" Section with information that is project specific and contact information if you are looking for guidance!



Regional Club Days are Coming!!

- We are still hunting for a Date, but it is WB Counties time to host so it will be in Alma!
- We are introducing some contest areas to the Club Days!!! Bring the ol' thinking cap and try your hand at some Horticulture, FCS, and Livestock Sweepstakes mock contests!
- More information to come soon!!!

Wamego Match Day

- Huge Success! Bringing in over \$3,000 to help Pottawatomie County Youth!!!
- Shout out to Michelle Jacobs, Nathan Zeit and Kate West for putting together a great booth!
- HUGE THANK YOU to all that donated!!! Your generosity helps our 4-H members form positive memories and builds stronger communities!!! We couldn't do all we do with out your support!



Clovvia Hospitality Weekend

- November 8 and 9!
- Hospitality Weekend is a recruitment event available to all high school and college-aged women who are interested in attending Kansas State University and living at Clovia. This event is free of charge and will allow potential members to get to know Clovia and K-State better! Interviews will be scheduled before official events start for any interested women in becoming members in future semesters. We would love to see you there!



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!



RILEY/POTTAWATOMIE 4-H STRAIGHT SHOOTERS

Spring Sign Up Opens



October 1st-15th
Submission Period

TIME TO ENROLL

WELCOME BACK STRAIGHT SHOOTERS

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN A LIFE LONG SKILL?
JOIN OUR SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB :

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|  CERTIFIED 4-H INSTRUCTORS |  BB GUN (4-H AGE 8-14) |
|  SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT |  AIR RIFLE (4-H AGE 12-18) |
|  4-H AGE 8+ |  AIR PISTOL(4-H AGE 12-18) |
|  MAKE NEW FRIENDS |  WESTERN HERITAGE (4-H 8+) |
| |  HUNTING SKILLS (4-H AGE 8+) |

REQUIRED NEW SHOOTER BEGINNER CLASS OCTOBER 24TH AND 25TH

LOG INTO 4-H ONLINE TO ENROLL ON
OCTOBER 1ST
CONTACT SUSAN SCHANKS
SSCHANKS@YAHOO.COM

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4-H Garage Sale

October 17-18

Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

**We are looking for a huge selection of items
to be donated.**

We do not accept TVs of any kind.

**Proceeds benefit 4-H members in Pottawatomie, Riley,
& Wabaunsee Counties**

Drop Off Items on Location

Wednesday, October 15, 5-8 PM

Thursday, October 16, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale

Friday, October 17, 9 AM - 8 PM

Saturday, October 18, 9 AM - Noon

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350





Chelsea King

Nutrition/Food Safety/
Health Agent Johnson County
K-State Extension



The Buzz on Energy Drinks: Unpacking the Truth

Energy drink consumption is on the rise, particularly among adolescents and young adults. These drinks are often marketed as a way to increase focus and performance, as well as give a boost of energy. But what is really inside the can? We will explore common ingredients and outline the benefits and risks to help consumers make informed decisions around energy drink consumption.

November 19th
12:10 - 1 PM



Scan the QR code or use
the link below to register:
bit.ly/41E7kqJ



Dates to Remember

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

