



Labette County 4-H News

January 2024

Dear 4-H members, parents, leaders, and friends of 4-H,

Happy New Year! I am glad to be back in the office and in a normal routine. I am looking forward to a wonderful 2024! Project meetings, fair prep, club days, and record book judging are in full swing. Don't forget to get re-enrolled! 4-H Enrollment is open. All members and volunteers will need to update their 4-H online profiles and submit their enrollment. New members and volunteers will have to create a profile. See details and links to enroll below.

Sincerely,

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Jan. 12	Regional Record Books due to Extension Office
Jan. 13	4-H Day with the Lady Cats
Jan. 15	Office Closed – MLK
Jan. 19	Regional Record Book Screening in Fredonia
Jan. 31	4-H Online Enrollment Due for returning families
Feb 10	Market Beef Weigh-In 7-9am @ Regional Vet Service
Feb. 10	Labette County 4-H Club Day 8am-12pm @ LCHS
Feb. 18-19	Citizenship In Action
Feb. 24	Regional 4-H Club Day @ Chanute
Feb. 27	PDC Zoom Meeting
Mar. 5	4-H Council Meeting
Mar 18	Food Safety @ the Fair
Mar 28	YQCA Labette County
May 3-4	Small Animal Weigh-In
June 5-7	Discovery Days
June 6	Poultry Declaration @ Fairgrounds 6-8pm
June 10-11	Greenbush Camp (Age: 7/8 yrs.)
June 12	Floating on Leadership (14+)
June 18-20	Livestock Judging Camp
July 20-27	2024 Labette County Fair

[4-H Online Enrollment Link](#)

[2023-24 KS 4-H Projects](#)

[K-State Research and Extension 4-H Events List](#)

[Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet](#) & [Kansas 4-H Calendar](#)

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Enrollment for a new 4-H year opened on October 1. Every returning member will need to go into 4-H online, update their profile information, pay the fee, and submit your enrollment. ALL volunteers need to update their info and resubmit as well. New members will need to create a profile on 4-H Online, fill out all information, pay the fee, and submit for approval. The KS 4-H Program fee is \$15 paid online or by check mailed into the State 4-H Office. Fee waivers, sponsored by generous donors to the KS 4-H, Foundation are available to those who need financial assistance. **Returning families have until January 31st to re-enroll. New families have until May 1 to enroll.**

If you are unsure of what club is closest to your home location or which club would best fit your needs, please call the office at 620-784-5337 for more information. Please note that some project areas have been updated this year. The “new” list of project areas for 2023-2024 is linked below.

[4-H Online Enrollment Link](#)

[2023-24 KS 4-H Projects](#)

[4-H Project Selection Guide](#)

Regional Record Book Entries

Senior 4-H members from Labette County receiving 1st in their project area are eligible to send their record books onto regionals to be judged. In order to move onto the regional level, participants must include a cover letter and project resume in addition to their project report. Guidelines are linked below.

[Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition](#)

Eligible members from Labette County for 2023 are:

Triston Overall, Shooting Sports

Lucy Pearson, Dairy Goat

Caleb Steeves, Horse

Zoe Wiley, Clothing & Textiles

Record books, cover letters, and resumes are due to the office by Friday, January 12th and will be judged on Friday, January 19th in Fredonia. Anyone interested in being a regional judge, please call the office to volunteer. 620-784-5337

Labette County 4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day will be held **Saturday, February 10th from 8 AM – 12 PM in Haury Hall at LCHS.**

Come show off your skills and talents! Categories offered are: Model Meeting, talent, singing or playing music, public speaking, project talks, demonstrations, video presentations, readings, show and share, dance, plays/skits, and favorite foods.

By request, there will be times to sign up so you will be able to work around your Saturday schedules.

Please register at the link below by January 30th so I can be sure I have enough judges booked. We will do time sign ups starting the 2nd via a google doc emailed out to participants.

Top scorers in each category will have the opportunity to participate in Regional Club Days on February 24th at Neosho County Community College in Chanute. Invitations will be sent out after the conclusion of our local club day.

Those participating in individual talks or demonstrations qualify for a scholarship for 4-H Camps or activities. Additionally, clubs must participate in a model meeting in order to be eligible for a purple charter seal.

*We will also be offering Favorite Foods and a few sample judging classes for participants to work through while waiting for their turn to compete!

[CLUB DAY GUIDELINES](#)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Favorite Foods @ LB Co. Club Day

This year we will be offering a Favorite Foods Challenge during our local Labette County 4-H Club Day. There is a brief description below, but more details are available in the Club Day Guidelines.

The Favorite Foods Show was developed to help 4-H members learn valuable skills in table setting, planning a menu, and food preparation. Participants do not need to be in the foods project to participate. It is important for participants to identify a theme, a menu that compliments the theme, and a favorite food item from the menu selected. This can truly be anything. The item could be a snack, dessert, soup, salad, drink, side, or an entrée.

Please see the Club Day Guidelines for more details.

Citizenship in Action (CIA)

What: Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

When: February 18-19, 2024

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1

Registration: [HERE!](#)

Registration Deadline: **January 26, 2024**

Registration is limited to the first 240 due to sleeping arrangements, so apply early!

BANQUET will be Sunday evening, if you are

asking your legislators to join, please

email dsratlif@ksu.edu by Feb 12 with any

additional attendees. The cost is \$35 for additional attendees.

[4-H Scholarships](#)

Click on the link above for an overview and eligibility for State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program. Applications are due **March 1st**, 2024 by 11:59pm.

Entomology Project Meetings

Entomology project meeting to be held Saturday, January 13th at the Allen County Extension Office. We will start at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your pinning board and supplies and one insect to pin. Bring your specimens you already have mounted so we can work on identification. Bring a zip drive to put the template for creating labels on. If you are going to give a talk for County/District Club Day, we would love to hear it and give you some practice. Otherwise, bring a short talk on one of the types of insect antennae we studied at the December meeting. Questions? Call Vicky @ (620)804-9170.

Dog Judge Training

The 2024 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training and Recertification will be held in Tonganoxie at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds on **January 26-28, 2024**. Beginning the training on Friday evening has allowed participants in one weekend to be trained in and certified in the four dog phases of showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience of the Dog Care and Training Project.

New judges can be certified and returning judges can get a refresher and be re-certified. This is also a good opportunity for local dog project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at invitational and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show.

Participants must be 16-years-old and up to attend this certification and training.

Emails will be sent to judges needing to recertify and encourage them to become familiar with the new Kansas 4-H Dog Rule Book revised in 2023. New judges are always needed. If you are a parent or someone who wants to help our 4H youth with the dog project, please consider taking the training. All registering should have knowledge of the 4H dog program.

[Schedule for Training](#)

[Registration](#)

Registration Deadline: **January 12, 2024**

Fee: Certification cost \$95 and Observing cost \$50.

Rulebooks can be purchased for \$18 for those observing.

Judges will be training the following areas: showmanship, obedience, rally obedience and/or agility.

Those who received a score of 80% or higher are certified for the next 5 years. If they received a lower score, they will need to complete an in-person recertification process when it becomes available.

Club Spotlights

I have seen many posts on Facebook highlighting the awesome service projects that our clubs are hosting or participating in. Please continue to have your reporters turn in news releases to publicize your great work! I would love to have any photos from 4-H Events throughout the year that you are willing to share in hopes to do an end of the year video and to post some of them in the newsletters throughout the year.

Food Safety & Nutrition Fair Edition



Save the date for a food safety at the fair course presented by Holly Miner on March 18th. If you are unable to make this date, but want to participate, the same program will also be offered in other locations: March 4 – Indy; March 5 – Fredonia; March 19 - Girard

Photography Project Meetings

Photographers Jennifer Han, and Ken Kraxberger are joining with Susan Stich, KS 4-H Photo Action Team member, to bring Photography project meetings to Southwind District.

Photography project meetings will be held on the dates listed below. Location will be at 1202 W. Main in Chanute, KS at Zion Lutheran church unless otherwise noted. They will be held 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Any type of camera is okay to use, bring your cameras with you to each meeting. All photography project members are welcome to come to any of the meetings.

Contact Susan Stich at home: 620-431-6986 or cell: 620-212-2943 to RSVP or for more information.

Parents are welcome to come and stay for the meetings.

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 19, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

June 11, 2024 Location to be determined

July 9, 2024 - Mounting fair photos

Volunteer Corps & Project Leaders

This past year we were fortunate to have some volunteers and Junior Leaders step up and host project meetings in the areas of dog handling and training, rocketry, Buymanship, and sewing.

Are you interested in becoming a project leader or interested in organizing a one-time meeting? I would love to work with you to get meetings planned for the 2024 year. It's never too early to get some dates on the calendar and start recruiting volunteers. I would love to see growth in more of our project areas as well as practices being held for showmanship in our livestock categories. Clubs, if you are holding project meetings I encourage you to open them up to all members in Labette County. If you need to limit the amount of youth we will do a sign up with a cut off number. Meetings can be done in person or hybrid with a Zoom recording to send out as well. If you need a meeting space, we have our new addition at the Extension Office, the Altamont Community Building, LCHS, and the Research Center in Parsons. If you need help with anything, call the office.

4-H Council Meeting

Labette County 4-H Council meetings for 2023-2024 will be held at **7PM @ the Extension Office in Altamont on March 5, May 7, August 13, and October 8.** October meeting will include Officer Training and 4-H Council Officer Elections.

Remember each club should have 2 council reps, 1 club president, and 2 adult leaders or volunteers attend. If one is unable to attend, they need to find an alternate to fill in for that meeting.

2024 Rock Springs 4-H Camp

Families and youth eager to experience the excitement of 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch can secure their spots for the upcoming summer sessions. This includes mini-camp, half week, and full week sessions, teen leadership programs and specialty camps. The transportation schedule is available at <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/transportation/>. Last year, we did reach capacity in a few sessions early in the registration process.

[Rock Springs Registration](#)

[Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook](#)

The Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook was revised on October 23, 2023.

Horse Show Judges Seminar

Kansas 4-H, the KSU Horse Judging Team and Colby Community College are excited to offer a 4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar Friday, April 12, 2024 in Colby, KS. Please share with potential 4-H Horse Show judges, volunteers and youth. Registration information is forthcoming.

Horse Safety Webinar & Quiz

The [4-H Horse Safety Webinar](#) and [Quiz](#) are open for your review and preparation. The video and a passing score on the quiz of 76% or better are required for entering the State 4-H Horse Show at the Kansas State Fair. This must be completed prior to submitting entry. Both are also good educational resources for any member enrolled in the 4-H Horse project.

2024 Kansas 4-H Japan Exchange

The summer inbound Kansas 4-H Japan Exchange program which Kansas 4-H began participating with LABO and LEX in 1977 is seeking counties to participate in 2024. Kansas 4-H will soon commit to hosting a specific number of youth and adult chaperones for the 2024 summer inbound program. In 2023, Kansas hosted 31 Japanese youth and chaperones. Participating counties get to host a small group of young Japanese teens who are highly motivated to become a member of their Kansas host family and to learn English. Kansas 4-H families have reported many good experiences and say that the program has had a positive impact on their children.

The Japanese will arrive in counties July 24, 2024, and stay with one family each for three and one-half weeks through August 16, 2024. Consider getting involved with your county/unit. Participating counties/units are encouraged to find a locate a volunteer coordinator who then manages the recruitment and screening of five to six host families, and organizes local activities during the stay. Training, resource materials and some expense money are available for the coordinators and agents. Extension staff liaison with the Kansas 4-H Japanese Coordinator to conduct the program.

If you think your county might be interested, or to find out more details about your county/district hosting Japanese youth from 12-16 years-old in 2024, contact Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japan Exchange Coordinator by September 30th. Email: pvanhorn@ksu.edu or call Pam at 785-826-8917. Please consider trying this popular program this upcoming year.

Officer Resources

[Officer Resources.](#)

Scoresheets for [secretary](#), [treasurer](#), [reporter](#), and [historian](#) project record books.

Club Leader Resources

[Club Corner](#)

[Clover Classroom](#)

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 2, 2024

Cost - \$20/person by February 12

(\$25/person after February 12)

*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 12 to receive a t-shirt.

**Both youth and adults attending need to register.

***No refunds. [REGISTRATION](#)

K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 16, 2024

Registration Deadline – February 26

Cost - \$20/person by February 26

(\$25/person after February 26)

*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 26 to receive a t-shirt.

**Both youth and adults attending need to register.

***No refunds. [REGISTRATION](#)

Sheep Spring Show

The Southeast Spring Classic Sheep Show will be held March 29th and 30th in Fort Scott, KS. See details below.

FT SCOTT, KANSAS
**SOUTHEAST KANSAS
SPRING CLASSIC**
MARCH 29 & 30, 2024

SHOW RULES:	GENERAL RULES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breeding/Market heifers can be double entered (entry fee for both); if she places in the top 5 for heifers she can still show in the market division• Registration papers required & should be sent in prior to show• Steers & heifers shown by breed + weight• Declare your weights but top 5 overall subject to 5% weigh back• Must have 3 head to make a class or shown AOB <small>(Classes added or removed at discretion of show committee)</small>• Exhibitor must own the animal shown except for peewee & adult showmanship divisions• All calves, except bulls, must be under 2 years of age; bulls must be under 3 (age as of March 1).• Blow & go or full fit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open to exhibitors from any state• Health papers not required; lambs must be free of sore mouth, ring worm, fungus, etc.• Can show off trailers or rent stall space (generators encouraged; canopies welcome)• Rental fee returned if space is clean when you leave• No shavings around trailers. This will be strictly enforced.• Entry money non-refundable• Showmanship divisions<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Seniors: 14-18- Intermediates: 10-13- Juniors: 7-9- Peewee: 6 & under- Adults: 19 & over* <small>(Showmanship ages as of Jan 1)</small>• \$25 entry fee Friday night \$30 entry fee Saturday \$5 showmanship lambs/\$10 cattle

Any show day announcements take precedence.

* If there are enough entries, we'll separate into collegiate & adult ages

[KS 4-H Equine Webinar Series](#)

The Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar series gives Kansas 4-H'ers, Horse volunteers and parents to gain skill and knowledge about horses and the horse industry in Kansas. Topics will include basic 4-H Horse project knowledge, horse health and college and career readiness. Industry experts and K-State faculty will share their experience and expertise during the webinars. Recordings of past webinars are linked.

[KS 4-H Animal Science Webinar Series](#)

The Animal Science Webinar Series is designed to give Kansas 4-H'ers an opportunity to learn more about the livestock industry, career opportunities and good animal husbandry practices. Recordings of past webinars are linked.

[Kansas Youth Livestock Program Update](#)

4-H Photography Project Leader Conference

