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### 4-H Families

We have many new 4-H families joining us this time of year. Please make sure they feel welcome! Please make an effort to explain upcoming events and deadlines! We tend to forget they may need more explanation and might not have a 4-H background. Thanks for helping them out.

### Kansas State Fair

If you registered inside exhibits for the Kansas State Fair see your county's page for drop off deadlines at local offices.

### Kansas Junior Livestock Show

The junior livestock show will be September 29-October 1, 2017 in Hutchinson Kansas.

### National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 1-7, 2017. We encourage clubs to plan something special to reach members of our communities that are not involved in 4-H. This is a great week to hang a poster at school or church, do a talk to a non 4-H group, put a display in a business, read to younger youth, visit care homes, etc. Simply telling about your 4-H experiences could be the push a family is needing to join 4-H!

### Kansas 4-H Age Policy

4-H Youth Development programs are open to all youth who are residents of Kansas and between the ages of 7 and 18. Youth who turn 7 before January 1 of the current 4-H year may enroll. Youth who turn 19 before January 1 of the current 4-H year are ineligible to enroll. 4-H members who are selected as winners in late summer or fall, and who turn 19 before January 1, cannot compete in state or national contests, awards, or recognition programs.

### Online Resources

4-H Online Enrollment: <https://ks.4honline.com>

Newsletter & 4-H Activities: [www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu](http://www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu)

Kansas State 4-H Website: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/>

Kansas State Fair: [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/)



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# Wildcat District Calendar

This calendar includes dates for all four counties. Youth are welcome to attend project programming held by any county in the Wildcat District, call ahead to reserve a spot. Dates shown here may or may not appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

Date	Event	Location
Sept. 4	All offices closed, Labor Day	All Offices
Sept. 8-17	Kansas State Fair	Hutchinson, KS
Sept. 23	Community Sewing Day (pillowcases for local agencies)	Girard Extension Office
Sept. 29 - Oct. 1	Kansas Junior Livestock Show	Hutchinson, KS
October 1-7	National 4-H Week	
<b>Oct. 2</b>	<b>4-H Enrollment Opens</b> (see page 3)	<b>4-H Online</b>
Oct. 21-22	Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl	Rock Springs 4-H Center
Nov. 5	Daylight Savings Ends, turn cocks back. Check Smoke Alarms!	
Nov. 10	All offices closed, Veterans Day	All Offices
Nov. 17-19	2017 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum	Rock Springs 4-H Center

For more information and registration forms, please visit county specific web pages.

## WELCOME WILSON COUNTY

We would like to welcome Wilson County to the Wildcat Extension District! Wilson officially joined July 1, 2017 and counties have already started collaboration efforts. We are excited about some of the opportunities Wilson will bring to our district! You have already started to see Wilson County posts on our Facebook page and soon they will join our website.

## Volunteer News

NOW is the time to renew your volunteer status with your local 4-H office.

You must complete a renewal form each year to maintain your volunteer status.

Any adults working directly with youth on a regular basis or transporting youth to events needs to be a certified volunteer. The first step to becoming certified is to fill out our volunteer form at [www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/). Please email or bring it by your local office so we can start the process.

## Community Sewing Day

The Mid-America Chapter of the American Sewing Guild is having a community sewing day September 23, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Girard Extension Office. They will be making pillowcases as part of the 1 million pillow case challenge. These will be donated to local agencies. Anyone is invited to attend! Great opportunity for youth enrolled in clothing! For more information please call chapter president, Anna Mae Brown at 620-724-3430.

## Kansas 4-H Dog Conference

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 21-22 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Registration due Oct. 8th. Cost is \$110.00 for full-time participants, \$65.00 for Saturday and \$45.00 for Sunday only. For full details, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html>.

# Record Books

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Record sheets, covers, and award applications are available at your local Extension Office, county website, or [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org). Check your county's page to find the due date for your county. Remember club leaders might have an earlier due date so they can sign your books!

Record Book Order:

1. Check Sheet (county specific, your county might not have one)
2. Personal Page, with current picture
3. 4-H Story (be sure to include successes and failures as you worked on your project)
4. Permanent Records
5. Project Record Form (only need one, but can complete as many as you would like. One for each project.)
6. Pictures - Up to 3 pages (no more than 6 photos per page). Cover project, leadership, and citizenship.

# Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

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Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be held November 17th-19th at Rock Springs State 4-H Center. This will be an excellent leadership opportunity for 4-H'ers 14 – 18. Cost of the conference will be announced. Cost will include a conference t-shirt, registration, insurance, program fees, lodging and meals. Contact the Extension Office for more information or visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/> for online registration.

# 4-H Enrollment

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The new 4-H year starts October 2, 2017. 4-H enrollment must be renewed each year using the 4-H Online system. This year there is a \$15 fee mandated by the state 4-H Office. **PLEASE do not stop coming to 4-H meetings because you are concerned about the fee.** At the state level, waivers will be offered for single income families, youth who receive free and reduced lunches, etc. At the local level, check with your local 4-H agent as some counties have other options in place.

Local 4-H agents will explain more about the fee at your next 4-H Council Meeting. Local offices can NOT accept money for the fee. On 4-H Online you can pay with a credit card, mail a check to the state, or apply for a waiver. Applying for a waiver is a quick process on 4-H Online and there is no form to fill out.

Enrollment for Returning 4-H Members is Open - Oct. 2nd to January 31st.

Enrollment for New 4-H Members is Open - Oct. 2nd to May 1st.

**(In order to participate in the fair these deadlines must be met!)**

# Say Thank You

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Many people have worked hard to help 4-H members, "Make the Best Better". Please thank the leaders, parents, volunteers, superintendents, and fair board members that have helped our youth develop life skills in 4-H.

Another thank you needs to go your plaque sponsor and premium sale buyer! A note or sticker should be on your plaque telling you where to send a thank you. For premium buyers, YOU (the exhibitor) need to go to the place of business with a plate of COokies, basket of goodies, etc. and a handwritten thank you note. Please keep the support coming to the county fair by doing this very simple but important act!

# Crawford County News

Date	Event	Location
Aug. 29-Sept. 6	State Fair Entries accepted (due Sept. 6th by 4:30 p.m.)	Crawford Extension Office
Sept. 12	Cr. Co. Fair Board Meeting	Fairgrounds
Sept. 23	Community Sewing Day (see more on page 2)	Crawford Extension Office
Sept. 25	4-H Council Meeting	Crawford Extension Office
Sept. 29	Record Books Due	Crawford Extension Office
Oct. 30	RSVP for Awards Banquet (Banquet TBA, looking at Nov. 6th)	Crawford Extension Office

## Ribbon and Base Bid Money

4-H members may stop by the office to pick up their ribbon and base bid checks. You may also pick up your pink slip telling you the price and buyer of your animal. PLEASE take time to write your thank you notes!

## Leave an entry at the fair?

Did you leave a photo, craft, or plaque at the fair? Please stop by the office and look through the pile collected from the fairgrounds. Things will be discarded after the Awards Banquet in November. Please pick your things up ASAP!

## National 4-H Week

What is your club's plan to help promote 4-H during National 4-H Week? Need help with ideas? Katie is also looking for expert 4-H youth to help create project videos. If youth would be interested in recording an informational video on their favorite project to help other youth please contact Katie at the Extension Office!

## Record Books

Record book sheets may be picked up in the office or download in a Word format off our website. Achievement applications can also be found in the office or online. Be watching for a record book step-by-step video coming out! It will be posted to Facebook and our website. If you have questions about record books or need some guidance don't hesitate to call!

## State Entries

State Fair entries are being accepted at the Extension Office Aug. 29-Sept. 6th. They MUST be in the office by Sept. 6th at 4:30 p.m. Katie will take your entries out the Kansas State Fair and set them up for judging. We will pick up your entries the following week and bring them home. We will email you when you can pick up your entries from the office. You will also be notified via email when state fair ribbons and ribbon money is ready to be picked up.

# Labette County News

Date	Event	Location
Sept. 7	Kansas State Fair Entries Due @ 10 a.m.	Labette County Extension Office
Sept. 25	Record Books Due	Labette Extension Office
Oct. 10	4-H Council Meeting (Election of Officers)	WEEC Building (Behind the Extension Office)

## Thank You

You did great on some of your projects and maybe not so great on others at the fair. Please remember this is only one person's perspective! The judge is human just like you and may have had a different idea of how something should have been completed. You did a great job and I hope you enjoy using the projects you have made as well as learned how to improve on them.

Remember to thank your Fair Board members! They work extremely hard to make sure that you, as an exhibitor, have the opportunity to showcase your project(s) in great facilities! They use their vacation time and weekends to work at the fairgrounds during the year. Please let them know how much you appreciate their hard work. They are also never opposed to you offering to help during the fair by approaching them when you have some free time and can help out – something to keep in mind for next year!

## Congratulations 2017 Fair Royalty

King: Justin Whittley – Foland Fliers

Queen: Lily Zylstra – Thrifty Thrivers

Prince: Colten Weil – Leib

Princess: Sierra Hill – Leib

Thank you to everyone who worked hard selling tickets for Labette County 4-H Council. This is the only fundraiser we do and your hard work is really appreciated!

The winner this year of the pork bundle is Vikki Traxson of Edna, KS.

## National 4-H Week

If you would like to do a radio PSA – Public Service Announcement – to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week I will be recording them any time before September 12th. Please contact Julie if you would like to participate 620-784-5337. If your club would like to participate with community service and count it towards 48Hours of 4-H you will need to register your activity. There is more information here: <http://tinyurl.com/h96hffs>

## Kansas State Fair Entries

If you have entered an item to go to the state fair, you must bring it WITH the tag attached. Please wait until you get the tag in the mail before you bring your item(s). They are due in the office by Sept. 7th at 10 a.m.

## Volunteers

If you are currently a 4-H Volunteer you need to renew your status. The form can be found on the [www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu](http://www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu) website. If you would like to become a 4-H Volunteer please let Julie know to get the process started.

Labette County 4-H Website

[www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/labette/](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/labette/)

# Montgomery County News

Date	Event	Location
Sept. 5	4-H Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	Extension Office
Sept. 25	Record Books and Award Applications Due (Club Leaders may have earlier date!)	Extension Office
Oct. 20-29	NEEWOLLAH	Independence
Nov. 2	Montgomery County 4-H Fair Association Annual Meeting	Ag Meeting Room, Independence
Nov. 13	Banquet Reservations Due	Extension Office
Nov. 16	Achievement Banquet	Coffeyville
Nov. 18	Brian Swisher's 41st year anniversary serving as a 4-H agent	

## Bertie Lovelle's Retirement

A retirement reception was held for Bertie Lovelle Friday, August 4, celebrating 48 years of dedicated service. She will be missed. Thanks to those who assisted, attended, and provided cake.

## 4-H Record Book Competition

There are two divisions for 4-H Project Record Competition:

### 1. Open Division - Any 4-H Member

Each club may nominate books equal to the number of awards given in a particular project category. (May be 1 to 4 depending on project area.) Winners are selected by volunteers outside the county. Winners receive recognition at 4-H Achievement Banquet. The highest ranking records in each project area meeting other state requirements have the opportunity to compete at area record screening. Area 4-H Record Screening will require completion of the Kansas 4-H Award Portfolio (KAP), stand alone application that does not require supporting records.

### 2. Junior Division - 4-H member 12 and under (as of January 1)

Each club may nominate up to four books in each award area. Books are reviewed in county. Up to four winners in each project area will receive certificates to be presented at a club meeting or event. Junior competitors are not recognized at the Achievement Banquet.

\*Note - Younger member must decide whether to compete in Open or Junior division. Can not to both.

## Record Book Notes

Do not place achievement pin application in record books.

All past years' awards should be removed from books nominated for county awards.

No 4-H fair ribbon premiums are paid unless a 4-H record book is turned in to office.

Record books must be submitted for a free ticket to the achievement banquet.

Also due Sept. 25th are 4-H Achievement Pin, Alumni Nominations, club Reporter Notebook, and club summary report with leader information

\*\*Anyone wishing to sponsor a \$5 county award medal is encouraged to contact the Extension Office

Montgomery County 4-H Website  
[www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery/](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery/)

# Wilson County News

Date	Event	Location
Sept. 7	Record Books Due	Extension Office
Sept. 15	Record Book, KS Award App, Achievement Plan & Key Award Due	Extension Office
Sept. 21-24	Wilson Co. Old Iron Club Days	
Oct. 7-8-	48 hours of 4-H Service Challenge	
Oct. 15	KS Youth Leadership Forum & Volunteer Registration Fees Due	Extension Office
Oct. 29	4-H Halloween Carnival @ 3:00 p.m.	

## THANK YOU

Thanks to all the volunteers who assist with the county fair. It means a great deal to the Fair Board, to the community, and the staff in the Extension Office. If you wish to volunteer to help next year let the Fair Board or us know. They always need good help. - The Extension Office

## Thank you from Wanda Evans

Thank you to all the 4-H/FFA families and friends that brought food to the dinner after the Beef Show at the fair. It was wonderful to see so many attend. It was a huge success and we look forward to next year!

## Halloween Carnival Reminder

CLUBS: Don't forget to plan a booth for the Halloween Carnival on Sunday, October 29th, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Junior Leaders will supply the prizes.





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