



Labette County 4-H News

January/February 2023

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

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We are back at it and ready to hit the ground running in 2023! We have a calendar packed full of upcoming events. Please read the newsletter for event specific details on each event listed in the calendar. As always, if you have any questions, please reach out by calling the office or my cell.

Sincerely,

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| Jan. 15 | Sheep Workout @ Parsons Research Center @ 2 PM |
| Jan. 16 | Office Closed – MLK |
| Jan. 19 | Exploring 4-H Meeting Wildlife/Forestry Fredonia/Zoom 6:30pm |
| Jan. 20 | Southeast Regional Record Book Screening @ Fredonia |
| Jan. 20 | Sewing Club @ Altamont Community Building @ 6 PM |
| Jan. 20 | 2023 Kansas Corn School |
| Jan. 28 | Horse Panorama @ K-State Salina Campus |
| Jan. 31 | 4-H Online Enrollment due for returning families |
| Feb. 4 | Market Beef Nominations @ Regional Vet in Oswego @ 7-9 AM |
| Feb. 11 | 4-H Club Day at LCHS (Haury Hall) |
| Feb. 12 | 4-H Day with the Lady Cats vs. OU |
| Feb. 19-20 | Citizenship In Action (CIA) |
| Feb. 23 | Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge @ LCHS |
| Feb. 28 | Program Development Committee (PDC) Zoom Meeting |
| Mar. 4 | Regional 4-H Club Day |
| Mar. 16-17 | Youth Tractor Safety Training @ Altamont |
| Mar. 24-26 | Shooting Sports Training @ Rock Springs |
| Mar. 27 | YQCA @ Altamont Location TBD @ 6:30 |
| Mar. 30 | Interested Fair Judges Training @ Parsons Research Center @ 6:00-8:30 PM |

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

4-H Online Enrollment

Our new 4-H year opened October 1. All returning members will need to go into 4-H Online and update their profiles and re-enroll before January 31. Adult volunteers, please update your profiles. If your background check needs re-filed, we will do that on our end through the state office. We just need your profiles up to date. New families will have to create an account and then enroll.

Returning member registration due by **January 31**

New family registration due by **May 1**

Projects can be added/changed through June 1

[4-H Online Website](#)

Labette County 4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day will be held **Saturday, February 11th from 8 AM – 12 PM in Haury Hall at LCHS**. 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 26th so I can be sure I have enough judges booked. We will do time sign ups starting the 27th via a google doc emailed out to participants.

[Register Here](#)

Record Books

Southeast Regional Project Award Judging is on **Friday, January 20th at Old Iron Club in Fredonia**. The day will begin at 9 A.M. with a judging orientation starting at 9:30 A.M.

For **Senior age 4-H members who were project award winners** in their area and are looking to advance their record books to the regional level, please check the [Regional Screening & State Project Award Evaluation Guidelines](#). The following items must be turned in for a complete Regional Project Award submission:

1. Check Sheet
2. Personal Information Page
3. Project Report Form
4. Cover Letter
5. Resume

Each 4-H'er must submit a separate project award for each program they are eligible.

Project Clubs

I am so excited to announce that this year Labette County 4-H Members and Volunteers will be offering 5 different project clubs including sewing, rocketry, photography, modeling, and dog club! Please watch newsletters and emails for updates on days, times, and meeting locations if you would like to attend.

Sewing Club

Emilie Zylstra of Thrifty Thrivers 4-H Club would like to offer sewing club county wide. The first sewing club meeting will be held **Friday, January 20th at 6:00 PM at the Altamont Community Building**. If you are interested in attending, please call the office at 620-784-5337 or my cell at 620-704-2523 to RSVP to be sure we have enough sewing machines available. The first project will be working on pillows. They are asking that you bring some material (approx. 1 yard) that you like, matching thread, pillow insert or stuffing, and if you have sewing tools such as scissors, tape measure, seam ripper etc, that would be helpful as well. Thank you, Emilie, for your awesome leadership!

Dog Project Information Meeting

If you are interested in being a part of the Dog Project this year, please be sure to mark your calendars for this informational meeting held on Tuesday, March 7th at 6 PM @ the Altamont City Building. 4-H Council meeting will follow. Do not bring your dogs to this meeting. Practices will start in April. If you plan to participate in this program, please be sure your dog has a rabies certificate. Before practices begin, you will be required to have a choke chain, leash, regular collar, close toed shoes, and treats are recommended.

This project is for youth who are interested in learning more about dogs, how to care for a dog and how to train a dog in basic or advanced commands. Any kind of dog may be used in this unique project that is not designed to conform to the American Kennel Club or other professional standards.

[Dog Care and Training Project Fact Sheet](#)

Citizenship In Action (CIA)

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. This event is for youth 13-18. It will be on February 19-20 in Topeka, KS.

[Registration and Info \(due February 1\)](#)

4-H Scholarships

Kansas 4-H provides many scholarship opportunities for our youth. Applications, documents, and references due **March 1**.

[4-H Scholarships](#)

Exploring 4-H Wildlife & Forestry

Exploring 4-H will be on January 19th at 6:30PM. Hybrid meeting held in Fredonia or on Zoom. This month you will explore the Wildlife and Forestry projects. [Register for a Kit](#)

If you choose the zoom option, please be sure to pick up your kit from the Altamont office on or after Tuesday, Jan 17.

Livestock Judging Practice – Sheep

Youth that wish to work on sheep placing and reasons, please attend this practice. All ages and experience levels welcome. Practice will be held at the Parsons Research Center on **Sunday, January 15th at 2PM**.

Anyone interested in judging livestock of any species, please be sure you are on the Wildcat District Livestock Judging Facebook page. You can be directed to the group by following this QR code.



Summer 4-H Educator/Intern

Do you have summers off and are looking for a fun opportunity to give back to our youth? We are actively searching for our Summer Educator/Intern. Last year, our Labette County intern, Holden Vail, was able to provide programs to youth through USD 506 summer school classes, libraries, held events at the fair, youth camps, helped with Maker's Camp and Kitchen Kids Can Cook camps.

The [application portal](#) is now open and will remain open until the positions are filled. For best consideration, apply by December 16, 2022. Selected applicants will have placement notification by mid-March. This full-time, eleven-week internship will run approximately May 22, 2023 – August 4, 2023. Applicants must be 18 years of age. Pay is \$17/hour.

Entomology Project Meetings

The new 4-H year has started, so it is time to have some project meetings. Any 4-H family is welcome to join our Entomology project meetings. We usually meet on the second Saturday of the month. There will be no Entomology Project Meeting in January. Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 18th at 1:30 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office in Iola. Watch your emails. If the weather is bad here, I will send out an email cancellation. Or you can call (620)804-9170 if you have questions.

2023 Kansas Corn School

The Southeast Kansas Corn School will be held on **January 20, 2023**, at the Southeast Research-Extension Center in Parsons from **9 AM – 1:30 PM**. The main purpose of Kansas Corn School is to provide in-depth training targeted for corn producers in the region. The issues of most concern to Kansas corn growers now include markets and cost-return, weed control, disease management, production practices, and farm policy. There will also be focus on increasing profits and yield stability over time. The goal is to emphasize and promote practices that can help farmers manage future production challenges and pursue effective avenues to increase profits. Corn School is free to attend and lunch will be provided.

[K-State Junior Swine Producer Day](#)

The 2023 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day has been scheduled for Saturday, March 11, in Manhattan! Participants of all skill levels are invited to sign up and attend! The cost is \$20/person and the deadline to register is February 15.

[K-State Junior Meat Goat Day](#)

The 2023 K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 18, in Manhattan. All ages and skill levels are invited to sign up and participate. The cost is \$20/person and the deadline to register is February 22.

[Dog Judges Training and Re-Certification](#)

Please save the dates for the January 27-29, 2023 Kansas 4-H Dog Judge Training and Recertification to be held in Wichita, Kansas. This is a great training for Dog Project Leaders too!

2023 Camp Registration Open

Ready, set, register! All 4-H camp sessions are now available for registration online at <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>. This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT) and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions. We are finalizing our transportation schedule for next summer and we will share it once we have it complete. Follow the link to see session dates.

4-H Council

The following dates were selected 4-H Council meetings for 22-23: **March 7th, May 9th, August 8th, October 10th**. Officer Elections and Officer Training will be held during the October meeting in 2023. Please put these dates in your calendar to be sure you have representation at each meeting. Meetings are typically held at the Altamont Community Building at 7 PM, but any necessary changes will be communicated closer to the meeting date. *Remember each club should have 2 council reps, 1 club president, and 2 adult leaders or adult volunteers attend.* If one is unable to attend, they need to find an alternate to fill in for that meeting. The purpose of 4-H Council is to establish learning

activities that are beneficial to all clubs, but not feasible for individual clubs to do alone. Through the planning and conducting of these country-wide activities, many leadership opportunities have been available to youth and adults. Opportunities include events such as 4-H Club Day, Camps, Achievement Banquet, Trips, Fundraising, National 4-H Week and 48 Hours of 4-H.

2022-2023 Council Officers:

Lucy Pearson, *President*

Jaci Falkenstien, *Vice-President*

Hadley Carr, *Secretary*

Sydney Foster, *Treasurer*

Emery McKinzie, *Reporter*

Anthony Pearson, *Parliamentarian*

Officer Resources

One helpful website for you to use as officers is [Officer Resources](#). This has videos that talk about roles in each office as well as each officer book link underneath of each video.

Click on the link for **scoresheets** for the [secretary](#), [treasurer](#), [reporter](#), and [historian](#). Each of these 4 officers should be keeping records from each meeting and event already and can easily submit their officer book at the end of the year to receive recognition. The scoresheets listed above should be looked at now so they know what they should be keeping track of throughout the year. The treasurer will need support in completing a yearly budget sheet for your club as well as a yearly financial summary, found on pages 9 & 24 of the Treasurer's Officer Book.

Club Leader Resources

[Club Corner](#) also has a lot of resources for club leaders to aid in club meetings. It has resources that help with welcoming new families, meeting agendas and minutes, roll call suggestions, etc.

[Clover Classroom](#) has various project challenge sheets that can be used for members looking for something more in their projects or just getting started in something new.

Save the Dates

Market Beef Nominations

Market Beef Nominations will be held **February 4th** from **7AM – 9AM** at Regional Vet Service in Oswego.

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge

Are you interested in starting your own business? Do you enjoy creating new things? Do you have ideas on how to improve things? Do you like CASH? ALL high school students in Labette County, ages 14-18 are welcome to participate in the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge on **February 23**, at LCHS. Over \$1500 in cash prizes will be given out. Please contact Julie Smith at juliesmith@ksu.edu or call the office at 620-784-5337 to participate.

Youth Tractor Safety Training

Youth Tractor Safety Training will take place on **March 16th and 17th**, 2023 in **Altamont** at the Community Center. Lessons are geared for 14-15 years old and must be that age to receive certification, however if you have a teen close to this age that is interested, please contact the office. Please save the date and check back for details on registration.

Greenbush 4-H Camp

Youth, ages **7-8**, enrolled in 4-H are able to attend an overnight camp at Greenbush. Dates for this year's camp is June 5-6th. Please save the date and be watching for registration information to come.

Labette County Fair 2023

Labette County Fair will be held **July 22-29th**, 2023 at the Labette County Fairgrounds in Oswego, KS. Foods and Clothing will be held the week prior at the First Baptist Church in Altamont, KS.
Foods – Monday, July 17
Clothing – Wednesday, July 19

4-H Day with Lady Cats Basketball

KAE4-HA's annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" has been scheduled for **Sunday, February 12, at 1 p.m.!** Join us as the Wildcats take on pre-season #15 Oklahoma.

[Details & Registration](#)

Discovery Days

This year is the 100th Anniversary of Discovery Days. It will be held **June 7-9, 2023**, at K-State Campus in Manhattan. Discovery Days can help you learn new ideas, techniques, and skills to use in your 4-H clubs, help you to meet new people and make friends from across the state, provide an opportunity to experience the K-State campus, develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision making, and time management skills, and develop college and career readiness skills for a successful transition to college and life as an adult. Discovery Days is open to all youth who are **13 to 18 years old** by January 1, 2023. 4-H Membership prior to Discovery Days is not required. More information including registration and cost coming soon.

YQCA

Youth will learn about reading feed tags, giving shots, and more! Classes open to all youth as a learning opportunity regardless of where you plan to show!



YQCA training is required for youth (ages 7-21) who will be showing livestock at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

[YQCA Website](#)

Use your 4-H Online user name and password to login. Instructions for signing up for classes and printing completed certificate: [click here](#).

Following the training, please log back in to take a post-course survey and access your certificate!

Insect Spectacular 2023

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 16-17, 2023 in Manhattan, Kansas. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available in the spring. Stay tuned!

4-H Ambassador & 4-H Communication Training

4-H Ambassador training will be held February 24-25, 2023 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch. We will also offer some Communication Training opportunities during this event for youth not currently serving as 4-H Ambassadors. This is for youth ages 13-18.

[Registration & Info](#)

Shooting Sports Volunteers

Labette County is still in need of volunteers to help with shooting sports. We have several youth enrolled in the program and are anxious to get practices started. If you are interested in getting certified to become an instructor, please contact the office at 620-784-5337 so we can begin the pre-work process. If you are interested in volunteering to help assist with practices, but not getting certified, please call the office. If you are not already a certified volunteer, you will need to complete a profile on 4-H Online as well as complete a background check, paid for by the district.

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.

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.



K-STATE Research and Extension
2023
K-State Junior Swine Producer Day
Saturday MARCH 11
Register By February 15

Join us on March 11, 2023 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited. Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 15 will receive a t-shirt. There will also be door prizes! The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the February 15 deadline, or \$25/person after that date. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

Register Online
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

Tentative Schedule:

8:00	Registration
9:00	Welcome
9:15	Project Selection
10:00	Breakout Sessions
	- Meat Science
	- Swine Breeds & Ear Notching
	- Equipment & Daily Care
	- Reproduction
Noon	Lunch
12:45	Swine Health
1:30	Breakout Sessions
	- Nutrition
	- Clipping, Hair Care, Show Day Prep
3:00	Showmanship
3:30	Wrap-up
3:30	YQCA Certification & State Nominations (optional)

Registration
 \$20/person by February 15
 \$25/person after February 15
 *Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt
 **To register by mail, contact Lexie for a registration form
 ***All attendees, including youth and adults, must register

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2023
K-STATE Research and Extension
K-State Junior MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY
Saturday MARCH 18
Register By FEB 22

Join us on March 18 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited. Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 22 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 22 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

Registration
 \$20/person by February 22
 \$25/person after February 22
 *Must register by February 22 to get a t-shirt.
 **To register by mail, contact Lexie Hayes for a form.
 ***All attendees, including youth and adults, must register.

Tentative Schedule

8:00	Check-in Opens
9:00	Welcome
9:15	Project Selection
10:00	Morning Breakout Sessions
	- Meat Science
	- Nutrition
	- Facilities & Equipment
Noon	Lunch
12:45	Health & Wellness
1:30	Afternoon Breakout Sessions
	- Showmanship
	- Reproduction
	- Clipping & Grooming
3:00	Wrap-up
3:30	Optional Post-Event Sessions:
3:30	YQCA Certification & State Nominations

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