

# Labette County 4-H

January News

## COMING SOON:

### January

5<sup>th</sup> - Kansas 4-H Scholarships due, see section

9<sup>th</sup> - Club Days Registration Due

12<sup>th</sup> - RSVP for Horse Judging Due

14<sup>th</sup> - Horse Judging Practice @ Research Center - RSVP see section

18<sup>th</sup> - Horse Judging Practice @ research center - RSVP see section

23<sup>rd</sup> - State Horse Judging Contest in Topeka - please let Shyanne know if you're interested ASAP!

31<sup>st</sup> - enrollment deadline for Fair Participation (but like, if you're reading the newsletter you're already enrolled, great job!)

### February

7<sup>th</sup> - Market Beef Weigh-in @ Regional Vet, 7-9am

14<sup>th</sup> - County Club Days @ LCHS

28<sup>th</sup> - Regional Club Days  
*\*For those qualifying from County*

### March

1<sup>st</sup> - 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball Team

- More information and registration coming hopefully soon

## Fiber Arts (Quilting) Meeting:

Please fill out the following poll to help us schedule sewing meetings:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cfqi2X3Wtky1QQbMqoAT-58EIr9meNdPjDcxJhLN\\_E5UQk4ySjFSWENXNU9LQIIURDRTT0IFTDdMNS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cfqi2X3Wtky1QQbMqoAT-58EIr9meNdPjDcxJhLN_E5UQk4ySjFSWENXNU9LQIIURDRTT0IFTDdMNS4u)

## District Horse Judging Practice:

Would you like to learn more about how horse shows are scored and evaluated? Join us on the district 4-H Horse Judging Team! No horse experience or ownership is required!

Our first two practices will be held at the Southeast Kansas Research Center:

January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
January 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm

**RSVP by January 12<sup>th</sup> THIS MONDAY to 620-784-5337 so we know that people are coming! If no one RSVPS... instructors also won't show up 😊**

## CLUB DAYS SIGN UP

**Due January 9th! THAT IS LITERALLY FRIDAY, you have FOUR DAYS to sign up so Shyanne can recruit enough judges**

Link to sign up (also located on the district/county website):

<https://forms.office.com/r/0MvHkWrBHA>

Club Days will be at LCHS on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Time slots will be available after January 9<sup>th</sup>, and will only be available for the amount of entries. For instance, if there's only one music entry, you're going at 9am. If there's two, you can do 9am or 9:10am.

Updated rules (includes Model Meeting requirements!): <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/labette/>

# 2026-27 Kansas 4-H Scholarship

Stolen from this page of 4-H website:  
<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

**Scholarships are due January 5, 2026 by 11:59PM CST  
THAT IS TONIGHT**

## Overview

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship program is open to graduating high school seniors, current college students, and graduate students who have been part of the 4-H experience. Each scholarship has its own criteria, and you may qualify for several. You will only need to fill out one application to be considered for all available scholarships.

A list of scholarships that have been available in the past is included [here](#). Please note, scholarships are available based upon funds available.

## Eligibility

The scholarship process combines the State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP) applications together. We hope that this encourages more applicants to pursue both of these scholarship opportunities. Please review the information below to determine which scholarships you are eligible for.

# JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS

Submitted by Lexie Hayes

The 2026 K-State Junior Producer Days have been scheduled. The dates are provided below. We host two junior producer days each year with beef and sheep in even years and swine and meat goat in odd years. So, we will be hosting a junior beef and a sheep producer day next spring. These are one-day, educational events for families to learn about the selection and management of youth livestock projects.

**REGISTRATION: DUE FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>!**

<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>

# Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

Submitted by Dona Ratliff

See the Kansas 4-H Webpage for all the information.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/citizenship-washington-focus/>

**What:** Road trip across the USA stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Meet, learn, share and tour with youth from other states and respected resource people. Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Get a close-up view of the political process through visits to Capitol Hill. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues. This trip has filled up quickly in the last few years, make sure that you do not delay in signing up to attend!

**The trip will be in conjunction with Oklahoma and Missouri 4-H from June 13-23, 2026.**

**Cost: \$2500** - not required when registering, but arrangements will be made after February 16th for payment.

**Register Here --- Registration will be collected by February 5th and spaces will be limited! Youth must be 15 by June 1, 2026.**

**Kansas has 10 youth slots and 1 adult chaperone slot to fill. The adult chaperone has to be a registered 4-H Volunteer.**

A one-page front and back Information Sheet can be found [here](#).

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