



Labette County 4-H News

May 2023

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

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 fair season approaches, please watch for deadlines and details. Project meetings are firing up as well. If you have dates selected for specific practices, please contact the office so I can help spread the word. I appreciate all of the club leaders, project leaders, junior leaders, volunteers, parents, and members. Keep up the good work! As always, if you have any questions, please reach out by calling the office or my cell.

Sincerely,

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www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/labette/



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[Wildcat Extension District 4-H](#)

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| May 1 | Market Beef Nominations due for KS State Fair & KJLS |
| | Greenbush/Floating on Leadership Camp Registration Due |
| May 5 | Small Animal Nominations 6-8 PM @ LB Co Fairgrounds in Oswego |
| May 6 | Small Animal Nominations 7-9AM @ LCHS Quonset |
| May 9 | 4-H Council Meeting @ Altamont Community Center @ 7 PM |
| May 11 | Rocket Club Meeting 6:30PM @ Berean Baptist Church, Parsons |
| May 15 | Discovery Days Registration Due |
| May 22 | Sewing Project Meeting 6:30 PM @ Altamont Community Building |
| June 1 | Horse ID Papers Due to the Extension Office & Gina Pearson |
| June 5-6 | Greenbush 4-H Camp (Ages: 7-8 years old) |
| June 7-9 | Discovery Days @ Manhattan |
| June 8 | Beginning Livestock Judging Camp @ Fredonia @ 5:30 |
| June 10 | Fairground Workday 8am – 10am |
| June 12 | District FCS, Photography, Favorite Foods Judging @ Fredonia @ 4-6 PM |
| June 14-15 | Altamont Maker's Camp (Sewing/Cricut/Heat Press) 1:30 – 4:00 PM |
| June 15 | Small Animal Nominations due for KS State Fair & KJLS |
| June 15 | Poultry Declarations due to Jeanette Shields |
| June 16 | Area Contest @ Yates Center for Livestock, Meats, Skillathon |
| June 20 | Floating on Leadership (Ages 14+ years old) |
| June 27 | Area Challenge Day @ Emporia (Horticulture, Crops, FCS, Fav. Foods, Photo) |
| July 13 | Pullorum Testing 4-6 PM @ Labette County Fairgrounds in Oswego |
| July 17 | Pre-Fair Foods Event @ 1 st Baptist Church in Altamont |
| July 19 | Pre-Fair Clothing & Modeling Event @ 1 st Baptist Church in Altamont |
| July 22-29 | 2023 Labette County Fair Dates |

Sewing Project Meeting

The next scheduled sewing project meeting will be held at the Altamont City Building on Monday, May 22 @ 6:30 PM. Members will be working on the project they plan to enter into the fair. Sewing machines will be provided. Please bring the supplies you need to complete your project. RSVP to the office if you plan to participate. 620-784-537

Dog Project

Dog training will be held on **Tuesdays** starting at **6:30 pm** at the Parsons Dog Park and continue each week until the fair starts. The Dog Park is located at **Marvel Park, 800 E. Main, Parsons, KS 67357**. Please call the office or call/text me if you would like to attend. 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](#)
[Kansas 4-H Dog Show Rules](#)

Rocketry Project Meeting

The next rocketry project meeting will be held **Thursday, May 11, 2023 @ 6:30 PM @ Berean Baptist Church in Parsons, KS**. This is a member/parent project. Please begin looking on Amazon or Hobby Lobby, etc. for a rocket you wish to build and launch. Project meetings will be to check progress and answer questions. If you wish to participate, please call the office to RSVP. 620-784-5337

Pork Bundle Sales

Tickets will be \$1 each. Proceeds go to 4-H Council to support various things throughout the year such as camp scholarships, achievement banquet supplies, plaques, etc. **Raffle tickets will be due on or before July 17th**. Anyone participating in the fair is required to sell at least **two** bundles of tickets 4-H and FFA members. 4-H Royalty will be based on club nomination and ticket sales.

Swine Nomination Information

When nominating swine for the Labette County Fair, you must nominate them as their specific breed at the time of nomination. If you nominate as a cross, you will NOT be allowed to move up to a purebred class at fair time. If you nominate as a purebred class, they CAN move down a class. Make sure you classify their breed ON nomination day.

Small Animal Tag/Weigh-In Days

*MARKET GOATS, MARKET SHEEP,
MARKET SWINE, & BUCKET CALF*

Friday, May 5th @ Oswego Fairgrounds 6-8 PM

Saturday, May 6th @ LCHS Quonset 7-9 AM

Bucket calves wanting to participate in **Rate of Gain** need to weigh in on **SATURDAY ONLY**. Bucket calves will NOT be weighed on Friday at the fairgrounds.

All market goats, market sheep, market swine, and bucket calves need to be tagged in ON or BEFORE this day to be shown at the fair. It is preferred that animals are tagged before arriving. There will be a \$5 fee if we tag your animal that day.

You will find the Nomination form attached to this email or we will give you a copy when you pick up your tags. Please have this filled out before you come to tag-in or weigh-in. Again, no family nominations.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ANIMALS ARE CASTRATED!

Tags for the **Labette County Fair** can be picked up at the following locations:

- *Altamont Extension Office
- *Allen Veterinary Clinic in Parsons
- *Regional Vet in Oswego

We will also have tags for Interstate Fair and KS State Fair/KJLS. We do not have the shipment in yet from the state fair tags, so call before you come in to be sure we have them on hand for the species you need.

4-H Discovery Days Registration

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is planning to be in-person on KSU campus June 7-9th, 2023. THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF DISCOVERY DAYS!

When: June 7th - 9th, 2023

Who: Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2023

Cost: \$210 - Some class sessions may have additional fees associated

Registration: [Register HERE](#) *April 1st - May 15th*

Discovery Days participants will be included in a special recognition event honoring the State Project Award Winners. This event will be held in the K-State Student Union on the evening of Thursday, June 8th and will include an evening social and entertainment. More details to follow!

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. 4-H Membership prior to Discovery Days is not required. The lesson tract looks awesome this year. I would encourage youth 13-18 to consider signing up! Registration is open NOW and classes will fill up fast. Cost is \$210 and some sessions may have additional fees. Transportation will be provided by the district.

[Register HERE](#)



HORSE ID INFO

Horse IDs are due in the Extension Office prior to June 1, 2023. ID Papers are



required to show any horse. Stop by the Extension Office to pick-up new ID forms if you have a new horse or drop-off your ID Papers from last year for returning horses. At the office, forms will be signed and mailed to you for your records. PLEASE read the updated horse show rule book. There are many changes that occurred at the state level.

[Horse ID Certificate](#)

[Horse ID Certificate Example](#)

[Updated Horse Show Rule Book](#)

[Horse Show State Fair Qualifying Affidavit](#)

[Kansas 4-H Horse Shows and Clinics](#)

Kansas 4-H Horse Safety Webinar

4-H Horse Project members wishing to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show must complete the **Horse Safety Webinar** and pass the quiz in addition to other requirements. The webinar and quiz will both be available on the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar page <http://bit.ly/3zbn5XC>, on **Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m.** They must be completed prior to the entry deadline (August 1, 2023). Additional requirements can be found on the Horse Project Page at <https://bit.ly/statehorseshowreqs>. If you have additional questions regarding the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show qualification process, contact Kelsey Nordyke, klndyke@ksu.edu, 620-222-1311.

State Livestock Nomination Info

The 2023 information for state livestock nominations has been released. The process transitioned to an online system in 2022, so there are no longer physical forms for families to complete and mail. Families will purchase DNA envelopes in advance, submit their animal and exhibitor information online, then mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations online. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2022) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the Youth Livestock Program

for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account.

All market animals and commercial females youth would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS must be nominated.

Small Animal nominations are due by **June 15**. The **deadline to order DNA envelopes has been moved up to 10 days prior to the deadline, which is June 5**. Information may be found under the “Nomination Information” tab on the youth livestock website: <http://bit.ly/ksunominations>. Families are highly encouraged to use the resources available, especially the Rookie Guide.

State Fair & KJLS Tag Info

Swine, Goat, Sheep: \$3.00

Cash or checks payable to 4-H Council

Nomination deadlines:

Commercial Heifers: June 15

Registered Breeding heifers: N/A

Market Lambs & Commercial Ewes: June 15

Registered Breeding Ewes: N/A

Market Hogs: June 15

Purebred Breeding Gilts: N/A

Commercial Breeding Gilts: June 15

ALL Meat Goats: June 15

(no registered breeding doe show)

2023 Kansas State Fair Info

[2023 Kansas State Fair Information Page](#)

[2023 Kansas State Fair Book](#)

Parsons Youth Garden Club

Join James and Jesse at the Parsons Community Garden **every Monday at 4PM** starting **Monday, April 10th**. The community garden is located at 15th and Clark in Parsons. Agents, Master Gardeners, and community members will be teaching lessons focused on all things gardening, nutrition, and the nature of science. They are geared for youth ages 7-12, but all are welcome to join. Each child will have their own garden spots. There are also plans to spruce up the space by completing projects such as painting the shed and adding tables and signage.

4-H Council

4-H Council meetings for 22-23: **May 9th, August 8th, October 10th**, held at the Altamont Community Building at 7 PM.

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.

The May meeting will be when clubs sign up for building watch and clean-up at fair. We will also discuss fair passes for clubs and address any questions about fair and project meetings.

Fairground Work Days

All 4-H & FFA livestock exhibitors who plan to sell an animal in the livestock premium sale, must record a minimum of **2 hours** of volunteer time prior to the fair. Workdays are scheduled on **Saturday, June 10th**, both from **8AM – 10AM**. For the April date, please bring tools used for cleaning the barns (leaf blower, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.).

Insect Spectacular

It's time to get registered for the 31st Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, which will be held Friday and Saturday, June 16-17. The event will be held in and around Manhattan & Wamego, KS. This event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! One parent/guardian from each family must register and attend with children.

Learn about collecting, storing, identifying, and pinning your insects for exhibit. This year's event features a guided tour of the K-State Insect Zoo, collecting in the K-State Gardens, and a night hunt at Tuttle Creek! All levels of experience are encouraged to attend, from beginning to advanced. This is a fun event, designed to encourage curiosity and the sharing of knowledge. For event info, and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/2UewHuq>. Registration closes **May 26**.



Livestock Judging

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.



Entomology Project Meeting

The next Entomology Project Meeting will be **May 20th** beginning at **1:30 p.m.** It will be at 2447 40th Road, **Humboldt, Kansas**. We are going insect collecting! Bring your nets and kill jars. I plan on putting out several different types of insect traps the week before this meeting to see what we can attract. I am assuming Mother Nature is going to settle down by that day. In case she disagrees, I do have the room at the Allen County Extension Office reserved. If the weather is bad, we will meet there instead to pin and identify insects. I will send out an email that morning if we are going to meet in Iola. If you question where we are going to meet, please call Vicky at (620)804-9170. Be sure to bring Tick Repellant and wear long pants and tennis shoes. The ticks are out in force and chiggers will be out by then. See you soon!

2023 Rock Springs Registration

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. There is a scholarship opportunity through Rock Springs for current Juniors in High School to do the CIT program for free. Please contact me if you are interested in this opportunity. Transportation routes, dates, and fees have been released at this time. Follow the link to see session dates.

Horse Judging Camps

The following email will be sent to 4-H members enrolled in the Horse Project today. The KSU Horse Judging Team is hosting youth horse judging camps June 13 and 14 on the campus of Kansas State University. A Beginner and Advanced session will be offered and the camps will lead up to the Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest June 15 in Salina at the Saline County Expo Center. More information and registration for camp can be found at <https://www.ksi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/judging-camps.html>.

Information about the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html>

SPRING SHOW INFORMATION

Each year we receive lots of show fliers for all sorts of projects. You can visit <https://www.ksi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/spring-shows/springshows.html> to get a listing of these events.

Rabbit Showmanship Zoom



GET A "HARE" ABOVE THE COMPETITION

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP ZOOM

MAY 11 AND 18TH

REGISTER HERE

Hosted by Eve Rider, 2022 Kansas 4-H Rabbit 13-14 Showmanship Champion

May 11th topics include:

- How to Start Showmanship
- Basic Rabbit Anatomy
- Posing Your Rabbit

May 18th topics:

- Disqualifications vs. Faults
- Winning Tips
- How to Perfect Your Rabbit Showmanship

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Register here to join:
<https://ksu.zoom.us/join/register/tJMrCOyurzkpH9Wuz4iWpxWILNcqZvJ1sNiz#/registration>

YQCA

Last March, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) transitioned to a new platform, including a new website. With this change, the original website became inactive and the program is no longer connected to 4HOnline. It is imperative that everyone is using the appropriate link! The correct link is: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. The old link (yqca.org) should be disregarded from all resources. Everyone is encouraged to utilize the YQCA tab on the K-State Youth Livestock Program website, as it is updated with the most recent information: <https://www.asi.kstate.edu/extension/youth-programs/qualityassurance/qualityassurance.html>.

Families who had already received their certification when the transition occurred last year will need to go to the new YQCA Website, create an account for their family, add children to the family, and sign up for their 2022-2023 training. There are several resources available to help guide them through the process, including step-by-step instructions. The YQCA staff also recently released instructional videos to help families correctly create their account and sign youth up for training. Through these videos, they also include common errors that make things more challenging for the families to complete the process. The videos are located at the bottom of the YQCA homepage.

All youth who plan to exhibit in the Kansas state Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS should complete the training at their earliest convenience. It is required for all exhibitors at both state shows. This is an annual training. Those submitting state livestock nominations must have completed their certification at the time of nomination and submit a copy of their completion certificate. Instructor-led trainings are \$3/child, while the web-based course is \$12/child. Youth who are 12 or 15-years-old by January 1 are eligible to test out. Only those two ages have the option to test out, as it is the first year of each age division. For more information about YQCA certification, please contact your local extension office or Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu.

Photography Judge Clinic



Crochet Workshop by CMDZ

Curious Minds Discovery Zone is hosting a crochet workshop in June. This would be a great opportunity for beginners to learn stitches for projects that could be entered in the fair. Both children and adults are welcome to attend! Anyone that is not a member of 4-H is encouraged to enter their project in Open Class at the Labette County Fair. Cost is \$10 for non-members and \$8 for CMDZ members. You need to register online or use the QR code on the flyer below. This is NOT a 4-H event, so you do not have to be in 4-H to participate.



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

The 2023 Fair Book will be out ASAP and Fair Entry Link will be sent to all members once it is live. ALL fair entries are due by July 1.



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.

Record Books

Now is the time to begin thinking about record books. You are able to do those online! Recourses can be found for the forms here:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html> Recourses for our online zbooks record keeping can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html> These are very user friendly, but you may still use the PDF format if you prefer. Books will be judged the same no matter which format you choose to use. I would challenge each youth to turn in one record book this year.

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.

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.

Kansas Youth Livestock Program Update

Horse Show Concession Stand

Often on the Saturday of the horse show, there are very few food choices open during the day. If any club would like to host a concession stand as a fundraiser for their club, please let me know. The horse show will be held on Saturday, July 22 beginning at 9 AM. The timed events begin at 7 PM.

- [K-State Garden Hour: K-State Garden Hour: Drought Tolerant Plants For A Challenging Kansas Landscape](#), Wed. May 3, Noon – 1, Zoom
- [Spring Crop Field Day](#) – Tues. May 23, 8:30 a.m. at the Parsons Research Center
- **NEW – Youth Camps!**
 - [Kitchens Kids Camp](#) - June 6-8/ 9 to 11:30 a.m. Fredonia, KS.
 - [Junior Chefs Camp](#) – Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m., June 7 – July 5, Pittsburg Public Library Flyer [HERE](#)
 - [Kitchen Kids Camp](#) - June 20-22/ 1 to 3:30 p.m. Neodesha, KS
 - [Kitchen Kids Camp](#) - June 13-15/ 9 to 11:30 a.m. Coffeyville, KS
 - [Junior Chefs Camp](#) – Daily July 10-14, 1-3 p.m. at the Altamont Community Center Flyer [HERE](#)
 - [Kitchen Kids Camp](#) - June 27-29/ 9 to 11:30 a.m. Oswego, KS
 - [Discovery Days Teen Camp](#) – June 7-9 in Manhattan (Will is taking district kids)

K-State Research and Extension 4-H Events List

Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet

WILDCAT CHALLENGE DAY

JUNE 12TH 4:00 to 6:00 pm

The Wildcat District Challenge day will be June 12th in Fredonia.
This year we will host:

- Family Consumer Science Competition
- Favorite Foods
- Photography Judging

REGISTRATION
Contact your local office or Eric at the contact information provided below to sign up for any or all of the challenges offered.

CONTACT:
620-378-2167 ✉ emarr@ksu.edu

Location Information:
First National Bank in Fredonia's 4-H Learning Center located at Old Iron.
10392 Jade Road, Fredonia

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Maker's Camp

Youth will learn various sewing techniques and stitches while making projects they can take home with them. They will also learn how to design and cut vinyl to personalize projects. Flyer coming soon. If you are interested in signing up, call the office. Classes are filling up fast this summer!