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## 4-H Enrollment is OPEN

Returning Member deadline is January 31st, 2020.

New Member deadline is May 1st, 2020.

It is time to enroll for another 4-H year and to encourage your friends to join! 4-H enrollment is done using 4-H Online. If your internet is slow or if you need some help navigating the system drop by your local office and enroll there! The 4-H Online System has step-by-step instructions on the home screen for returning and new families. 4-H Online: <https://ks.4honline.com>  
The fee to join 4-H is \$15/ youth. Don't forget there are waivers and scholarships available for anyone that needs them, including families with multiple children in 4-H. The waiver is selected with the click of a button during enrollment and is confidential.

## Say Thank You

We are back to school so it is easy to put off thank you cards. Please sit down with your family or club and write thank you cards for anyone who sponsored a plaque or prize, premium buyers, superintendents, and volunteers. We always have a great time at fair and sometimes treat it like a mini-vacation but it takes a village to make it happen. Please thank those that support you and make it possible for you to keep coming back to the fair each year.

## National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week was October 6-12, 2019. Thank you to everyone that lead a group or small booth during the celebration week!

## 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/>



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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
Nov 9	Equine Extravaganza	Rock Springs
Nov 11	All Offices Closed	All Offices
Nov 23-24	Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)	Rock Springs
Nov 28-29	All Offices Closed	All Offices
Dec 25	All Offices Closed	All Offices
Jan 1	All Offices Closed	All Offices
Jan 15	Registration for Citizenship In Action	KS 4-H Website
Jan 31	Enrollment Deadline for returning Members	4-H Online
For more information and registration forms, please visit county specific web pages.		

## Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is for youth ages 14-18. Delegates will experience workshops, a guest speaker, fun and educational activities, election of the New Youth Leadership Council and more. Running for Council is a great opportunity for older youth that are looking to grow in their leadership. This would be a great addition to a scholarship letter. Simultaneously at this conference they will be holding a training for volunteers. Normally a van of youth from our district attend this event. If you have questions about what happens at the forum contact agent Cheri Nelsen.

## Wheat Expo

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event on Thursday, August 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Center, 7001 West 21st St. North, Wichita, KS 67205. It is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders and Extension staff. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. For more information about the wheat expo, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html>.

# Horse Project Announcements!

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1. Be sure your horse I.D. form is the updated one (2017-2018). You can find it on the state 4-H site or by contacting your local Office. Review the Horse Rule Book on the Kansas 4-H website.
2. If you are interested in showing at the 4-H District and State Shows, download the Kansas Standard of Excellence Horse Achievement Level I Booklet. Complete the booklet and the Leadership section. The 4-H'er, parent and the Extension Agent must sign the front page.
3. \$10 will be paid to the state 4-H office in order to take the written and riding exams listed below.
4. The 4-H'er must complete a written exam online or paper copy. The exam online or paper copy. The exam needs to be proctored by the Extension Agent or 4-H Horse Leader. If the exam must be retaken the 4-H'er must send an additional \$5 to the state 4-H Office.

## Volunteers

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Volunteers must renew their certification every three years with a background check. As agents, we truly appreciate the time you spend with our youth. You are the reason 4-H works and we can teach our youth leadership, responsibility, good morals, and hands-on learning! We want to ensure our youth are safe and have the best environment around them to continue learning these things. You can help us by filling out the required paperwork. Then your certification will be good for another three years! Do you know someone that is good at cooking, sewing, rockets, legos, etc. and would be a great volunteer to help 4-H youth? Have them contact the Extension office! We are always looking for volunteers. Being a 4-H volunteer does not mean you have to attend every monthly meeting. Maybe you only help with gardening project meetings twice a year! Volunteers will need to go through the certification process.

## Project Meetings

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We challenge every project leader to get started by the first of January! If you would like to work with more than just your club let us know. District-wide leaders - we will publicize your meetings if you get the information to us in advance of future newsletters. Select your dates and then go for it. If we can be of any assistance just let us know.

Community Leaders it is your responsibility to let the members and families in your club know who has volunteered to be project leaders for your club and what subject. It is also your responsibility to inform your families what areas your club does not have a project leader for and to let those parents know that they need to help their child.

# Crawford County News

Date	Event	Location
Nov 4	Awards Banquet	
Nov 11	Office Closed	Office
Nov 18	Junior Leaders help with Colgan After school program	
Nov 28-19	Office closed	Office
Dec 2	Club Gala Donation Due	Office
Jan 14	KAP Due in office	Office

## Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarships are available through 4-H Council These are limited to one per-youth per-year. To be eligible for this you must complete a Talk/Demonstration at County 4-H Club Days or participate at Favorite Foods Contest. The Scholarship will be refunded up to \$100 upon the youths return from camp.

This is a great way for youth to experience more youth development opportunities! Please call Will if you have any questions.

## Ribbon

Please pick up county and state fair entries at the Extension Office as soon as possible! Any county fair entries left after the awards banquet will be disposed of. Base bid and ribbon money are also in the office. Please plan to get these picked up as soon as possible. Contact Will if you need to make other arrangements to get your things.

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

# Labette County News

Date	Event	Location
Dec 13	Kansas Beef Expo Livestock Judging	
Jan 31	Club Days Entry Deadline	Office
Feb 8	Labette County Market Beef Weigh	
Feb 22	Labette Co Club Days	LCHS

## **Achievement Banquet**

The Labette County 4-H Banquet was held on November 4, 2019 at the Labette County High School. Highlights included installation of the 2020 Labette 4-H Council Officer team consisting of: President - Cecillia Newby, Vice President - Lucy Pearson, Secretary - Wyatt Kepley, Treasurer - Dallas Hill, Reporter - Johnathan Dusher, Parliamentarian - Bryce Overman, Chaplain - Sierra Hill. We also recognized our Outstanding Service to 4-H Award winner for 2019, the David Newby Family. If you see the Newby's, be sure to tell them congrats and thank you for all they do for Labette County 4-H!

## **Kansas Beef Expo Judging**

Kansas Beef Expo Livestock Judging Contest will be held Friday, December 13th at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson, KS. This will be an all day event, judging 10-12 cattle classes as well as giving reasons. All ages and experience levels are welcome to attend. Cara will send out more information regarding leave and return times closer to the contest. Please contact Cara by December 2nd if you are interested in attending.

## **Volunteers**

Labette County 4-H would like to extend a big thank you to all of our volunteers who judged record books this year. We truly appreciate them taking the time out of their schedules to provide positive feedback to our youth!

## **New Year**

As we begin the New 4-H year, if any clubs would like a program presented, please contact Cara at the Extension office. Planned programs include: Becoming a Parli-Pro Pro; So you're a 4-H Member, now what? (Ways to get involved and enhance your 4-H Experience); and 4-H Friends: Ways to build relationships and better get to know other 4-H members.

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
Nov 7	4-H Banquet @ 7pm	Coffeyville Rec Center
Nov 28-19	Office Closed	Office
Dec 25	Office Closed	Office
Jan 9th	4-H Council @ 7pm	Office

## Fair Board

Fair board meeting 7:00 p.m. extension office Nov. 21st. The annual meeting followed by a regular meeting. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the fair board should contact President Craig Newby or contact the Extension office to be put in touch with the fair board.

## Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Orientation for Montgomery County will be Nov. 17th at the Tyro Christian Church. Meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. This is a mandatory meeting for parents and youth who would like to participate in shooting sports this year! If you can make the meeting you need to contact Sharon Blaes or Carla Keene to attend a later session. Montgomery County currently offers air rifle, archery, and shotgun. Youth must be 8 years old to participate in air rifle and archery and 10 years old to participate in shotgun.

## Ribbon Money

State fair ribbon money for inside exhibits is here! You will be receiving communication from the Extension office for picking up your ribbon money! Ribbon money is only for inside exhibits and excludes arts and crafts as those exhibits are not judged, just put on display.

County fair ribbon money will be available for pick-up November 12th at the Extension office. We will mail checks not picked up on November 18th to the residence on file in 4-H Online.

## Volunteer News

If you was a fair superintendent last year and do not plan to help for the 2020 fair please let the fair board or Extension office know as soon as possible! If you plan to retire as a superintendent soon, please help us recruit and teach a new family to fill your role before you leave! It takes a village to run a fair and we appreciate everything our superintendents and fair board does for us!

Montgomery County 4-H is looking for a volunteer to coordinate a county-wide 4-H float one of the upcoming Christmas parades. If you would be interested in coordinating this with the help of the Extension office please contact Katie at [krohling@ksu.edu](mailto:krohling@ksu.edu).

4-H Agent, Katie Townsend will be on the road and out of state with 4-H events most of November. If you need assistance please call the office professional Lisa at 620-331-2690 or email Katie at [krohling@ksu.edu](mailto:krohling@ksu.edu) and set up an appointment!

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
Nov 9	Achievement Banquet	Fredonia High
Nov 10	4-H Council and Officer Training	Basement
Nov 11	Veterans Day Office Closed	Office
Nov 22-23	KYLF	
Nov 28-29	Thanksgiving- Office Closed	Office
Dec 25	Office Closed	

## **4-H Achievement Banquet**

The banquet will be held Saturday, November 9th, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Fredonia Sr/Jr High in Fredonia. Each family is asked to bring one cold dish and one hot dish enough to serve their family, any guests they invite and table service for themselves and their guests. 4-H clubs are welcome to invite relatives, prospective members, donors, ect. Beverages will be provided.

## **4-H Council Meeting**

The next 4-H council meeting is Sunday November 10th, 2019. at 2pm in the Courthouse Basement. Old and new council reps should be present. We will elect new officers. Officer training will also November 10th.

## **KYLF**

We are pleased that the Leadership weekend and the Volunteer forum will again be held simultaneously November 23-24, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. In addition to each group having a great program planned, there will also a joint opportunity for both groups to learn together.

## **Club Days**

4-H Club Day is planned for a Saturday, February 22nd, 2020. A Community Soup Supper will be held following Club Day. At the soup supper 4-H members will give their talks, demonstrations and other presentations they participated in that day. The idea behind this is to promote what 4-H is. We feel it is important to show the impact the 4-H program has on all of you.

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



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