



Crawford County 4-H News

April 2022

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

We are starting to get back into the busy season so read the calendar carefully! If you are interested in attending skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, livestock judging, or junior producer days please reach out to me! I can help you get signed up to attend.

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 1	Crawford Award Sponsor Deadline to be in Fair Book
April 9	Beef Weigh-In Mesa Animal Clinic 2-3:30 p.m.
April 10	Shooting Sports Begin
April 12	YQCA Training 6:30pm @ Extension Office
April 14	Wildcat District Volunteer Conference
April 16	Rabbit Project Meeting 9-11am at Fairgrounds
April 25	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30 p.m. 4-H Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
May 1	Deadline to enroll for new 4-H Members
May 1	Camp sign up deadline
May 1	Counselor applications due to local office
May 1	Horse ID papers due to local office
May 1	Steer nomination deadline for State Fair and KJLS
May 14	Small Animal Weigh-In 8-10 a.m. @ Fairgrounds
June 1-3	Discovery Days
June 6-7	Greenbush Camp
June 8	Floating on Leadership
June 13	District Favorite Foods Contest 4-6:30pm Fredonia Extension Office
June 14-16	Sewing Camp
June 15	District Horse Show Entry Deadline Nomination Deadline for Kansas State Fair and KJLS
June 21	Area Challenge Day: Hort, Crops, FCS, Photo, Fav. Food Contest Emporia
June 23	Area Livestock Judging Contest @ Yates Center
June 27	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm 4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm
June 28	District Horse Show at Parsons State Hospital Arena
July 13	Poultry Testing 5-7pm at Fairgrounds

4-H at your Fingertips

Coming to a phone near you; Wildcat 4-H Connection phone app! With our app you will be able to quickly have access to 4-H Online, each county page, as well as registration links and our district calendar. This is a FREE app, scan the QR Code

Check out the new Wildcat 4-H App!

Wildcat 4-H Connection



District Wide and County Specific Calendars

Event Registration Links

Camp Information

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Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders is open to all 4-H youth 13-18. The next Junior Leaders meeting will be on Monday April 25th at 6:30pm.

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday April 25th at 7:30pm. Remember each club should have 2 council reps, 1 club president, and 2 adult leaders attend. If one is unable to attend then they need to find an alternate to fill in for that meeting.

Project Leaders

Are you interested in becoming a project leader or interested in organizing a one-time meeting? I would love to work with you to get meetings planned for the 2022 year. It's never too early to get some dates on the calendar and start recruiting volunteers. Clubs if you are holding project meetings I encourage you to open them up to all members in Crawford County. If you need to limit the amount of youth we will do a sign up with a cut off number.

Volunteers

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!



Rock Springs Camp 2022

Rock Springs is going to be running an early bird discount on registration for 4-H member September 1st – November 1st. The State/Rock Springs will be sending you out information soon. Prices and length of camp will vary please pay close attention to that. You can pick when you would like to go to camp. Wildcat is encouraging all youth to go the first three-night session in June. However, you are welcome to attend any time that you would like. Rock Springs will be providing transportation to and from camp.

Go to <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/> for more information.

Greenbush Camp

Greenbush camp on June 6 & 7, 2022. This camp is for youth 7-8 years old. Sign up materials can be found on our website. Deadline to sign up is **May 1st**.

Floating on Leadership

Junior Leaders date for Floating on leadership June 8, 2022. Call the office to sign up today! Inclement weather date will be June 22nd.

Camp Scholarships

Camp scholarships are available through 4-H Council thanks to the generous donations in the community. These are limited to one per-youth per-year. To be eligible you must complete a talk or demonstration at County 4-H Club Days or participate in 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.

Crawford County 4-H Camp Scholarship opportunity!

Are you a Crawford County 4-H member and would love to attend a 4-H Camp/State 4-H Activity? Then we have an opportunity for you to help pay for that experience. You can get a scholarship for \$100. You must complete a minimum of 2 hours of community service at the Crawford County fairgrounds as well as a minimum of 2 hours of community service in the community that you live in. Service completed at the fairgrounds must be signed off by Will. Hours completed in the community must be signed off by a non-family member (4-H volunteer events count), and you must have submitted a record book from the previous year. Hours and the completed application must be completed and turned in by May 1st. Service hours must be completed between May 1 of current year and prior to the deadline of the next year. Camp/activity registrations and fees must be paid in full. Scholarship will be awarded upon youths return from camp/activity. Application can be found on our website. **This scholarship is made possible by Carolyn Zagonel and the Americas Farmers Grow Communities Donation from Bayer Fund.**

HORSE ID INFORMATION

Horse ID's are due in the Extension Office prior to May 1, 2022. 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. Your forms will be signed and mailed to you for your records.

District Horse Show

District horse show will be June 28th. Location is set for the Parsons State Hospital. Anyone 9 years and older is welcome to compete at the district horse show. **Youth must complete the level 1 written and riding test before the show.** Cost for the test is \$10. Contact your local agent for study materials and test details.

Shooting Sports

2022 Crawford County 4-H Archery will begin Sunday, April 10, 3:00 pm at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, Marvin Green Bldg. Then we will meet every Sunday with the exception of holidays (Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, etc.). The first 2 Sundays (April 10 & 24) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. Beginners MUST attend the range and safety orientation April 10 to participate in the program. If you cannot make that meeting, please contact me about possibly making other arrangements. Equipment will be provided for the beginners, **PLEASE** leave yours at home. The veteran archers will begin meeting on Sunday, April 25 at 3:00 pm. For more information email, text or call Dan Mosier II at danmosierii@gmail.com, 620-687-0643.

Crawford County 2022 Fair Book!

Below you will find the link to the website where you will find the 2022 Crawford County Fair Book. In the online version all updates have been made in **RED**. Please pay close attention to the schedule and location of events as some have changed this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. It is your responsibility to make sure you have read all sections of the fair book.

Fair Book: <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/crawford-county-fair/index.html>

Fair Entry will open up **Mid-May and will close July 15th.**

Fair Proposals

If you would like to make a proposal for the 2023 Fair, you may do so by presenting them at a 4-H Council meeting or Fair Board meeting. Those proposals will need to be completed by the **August 4-H Council meeting and the September Fair Board meeting**. The proposal form may be found online.

Favorite Foods Contest

The Favorite Foods Contest encourages 4-H'ers to learn about meal planning, food preparation, and presentation. A favorite food is chosen, a menu is planned with the food, and the table decor is coordinated. Foods chosen may be main courses, desserts, snacks, breads, casseroles or other. Youth present their table to the judge and answer questions about nutritional value, cooking skills, table setting, etc. Contact your agent for more information and to sign up! Contest June 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Fredonia Extension office.

4-H Judging Teams

Interested in being a part of Wildcat Judging Teams next year? Great! Now is the time to express interest in livestock, horse, horticulture, skill-a-thon, meats, and quiz bowl teams! If you are interested in joining one of these teams and practicing with them, please reach out and I will put you in direct contact with the volunteer coach for the Wildcat District. Teams are not currently practicing but we will get you on their contact lists for spring practices. Judging teams offer youth the opportunity to travel and interact with 4-H youth! Practices are not currently being held in Crawford County, but if youth start attending practices coaches have shown they are willing to move to more central locations or even in county. We need parents and youth to make the first step and we will do everything we can to help!

Skill-a-thon tests a 4-H member's knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices. Typical topics are livestock equipment identification, livestock breed identification, retail meat cut identification, Hay and wool judging, quality assurance, and a quiz about the livestock industry.

Quiz Bowl contestants answer questions via a buzzer system on wide array of questions that cover the beef, sheep, swine and meat goat project areas.

Livestock Judging – rank pens of beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats based on the animal's production or reproduction qualities.

Enrollment

Enrollment is still open for new families! **New families will need to follow the instructions for new families on our website or at <http://v2.4honline.com/>. New family deadline is May 1st.** Don't forget we are part of the Wildcat Extension District; you are looking for Wildcat District, Girard. If you have enrolled and selected "pay by check" please mail that to the state 4-H Office at this address as soon as possible.

**Kansas State 4-H Office
201 Umberger Hall
1612 Claflin Road
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506**

Remember that you will not be able to enter the Fair until this is paid.

Record Books

Now is the time to begin thinking about record books. This year you will be 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>

State 4-H Scholarship Opportunities!

Please find scholarship information at this link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

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 Dates:

Montgomery April 25 at 6:45 pm Extension office
Labette April 21st at 6:45 p.m. Altamont City Park
Crawford April 12 6:30 Extension office

Wilson April 6 6:30 Extension office

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.

Livestock Tag/Weigh-In Days-

Beef Tag/weigh-in day for **MARKET BEEF and FEEDER** will be on April 9th 2:00-3:30pm at Mesa Animal Clinic. 518 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS 66743 this is for all Market Beef only. **ALL MARKET BEEF NEED TO BE TAGGED IN ON OR BEFORE THIS DAY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO SHOW AT THE FAIR.** If you are unable to attend this day you must contact me to set up a time for meet with you to tag your animals before April 9th. Do not wait until last minute in order to ensure that your animals get tagged on time.

Breeding Beef do not have to tag in. Bucket Calves will tag in on May 14th.

Small Animal Tag/weigh-in day for **MARKET GOATS, MARKET SHEEP, MARKET SWINE, AND BUCKET CALF** will be on May 14th 8:00-10:00am at the Fairgrounds.

ALL MARKET GOATS, MARKET SHEEP, MARKET SWINE, AND BUCKET CALVES NEED TO BE TAGGED IN ON OR BEFORE THIS DAY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO BE SHOWN AT THE FAIR. If you are unable to attend this day you must contact me to set up a time for meet with you to tag your animals before May 14th. Do not wait until last minute in order to ensure that your animals get tagged on time.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ANIMALS ARE CASTRATED!

Fair Superintendents- We are needing a Fair superintendent for the **Photography, Round Robin, Dairy Goat, and 4-H Ice Cream Stand.** If you would like more information or are someone willing to volunteer for this, please let me know.

Ice Cream Tubs

If you or someone that you know has Ice-Cream Tubs left from the fair, please be returning those to the Extension office. We are also missing a silver canister if you borrowed that please return it.

Parents/Guardians

As we approach a busy spring and summer I would like to share this with you all. I have been approached by parents, guardians, and other family members with claims about how things are done in 4-H or stories of situations that have taken place. Through these conversations, I learned that misinformation is being spread, and that I am often not made aware of the situation and allowed the chance to help resolve it. I ask of you as parents and guardians, please come talk to me first! My door is always open. Please know and remember that I will always do what is best for the youth. I work hard to ensure that proper channels and rules are being upheld, but I need your partnership and open communication. As with anything in life, I will continue to grow and learn in order to do the best that I can for 4-H members and help them have a great 4-H experience like I had.

Summer Internship Opportunities

Our summer internship application process is now open! The state is now accepting applications directly through the state web site. A position description is attached – and here is the link to apply directly: <https://careers.pageuppeople.com/742/cw/en-us/job/512492/summer-intern-4h-youth-development>

Here are a few things to remember when applying:

- Indicate when you apply that you prefer the Wildcat District and which county.
- Please know the job has some flexibility if you have a vacation planned, or if you cannot work 40 hours each week.
- If you are a community partner/school do you have any interest in an intern providing programming for youth through you this summer?
- Interns this year must be 18+ and must apply through the K-State web site

Sewing Camp

June 14th-16th 8:30-11:30am at the

Extension Office. Must be 10 years of age or older. The cost is \$15 per youth. Come by the office or call to sign up. You must pay in order to reserve your spot. Space is limited!



Rabbit Project Meeting

April 16th 9:00am-11:00am at the Fairgrounds.

Open to all Crawford County rabbit project members and 4h members-even if they haven't signed up for the rabbit project but are thinking about it. It will be set-up as a mini workshop with the older Bone Creek project members demonstrating different aspects of the project; different breeds and categories (hobby/show and meat pens), what to look for when purchasing your rabbit-breed standards, basic supplies, grooming-tattooing, clipping nails etc. There will be several different breeds of rabbits available for demonstration and we will also be able to help members get in contact with breeders or help them when looking for a certain breed/breeder. Call the Extension Office to sign up.

Entomology Project Meeting

Saturday, April 9th at 1:30 P.M. at the Allen County Extension Office in Iola. Please bring your mobiles to finish. Also bring insects to pin and your pinning supplies

Where is Will?

The warmer weather means more events and activities happening. Please know that you are always welcome to pop in the office any time. However, in order to make the most of your time and to ensure I am not out at a program I would encourage you to email me or call the office before to set up a time with me. Email- willmorris@ksu.edu Phone- 620-724-8233

Poultry Owners

There is a confirmed case of avian influenza in Jasper County, MO, bordering Kansas. So, poultry owners within a 20 mile area of the Crawford/Cherokee/Missouri State Line intersection are asked to complete a short questionnaire by visiting <https://fs22.formsite.com/KansasDeptAg/zlb9fcr9oc/index.html>, email KDA.HPAI@ks.gov or call toll-free at 833-765-2006. Also Poultry testing is on July 12th 5-7pm at the Fairgrounds.

Wildlife Judging

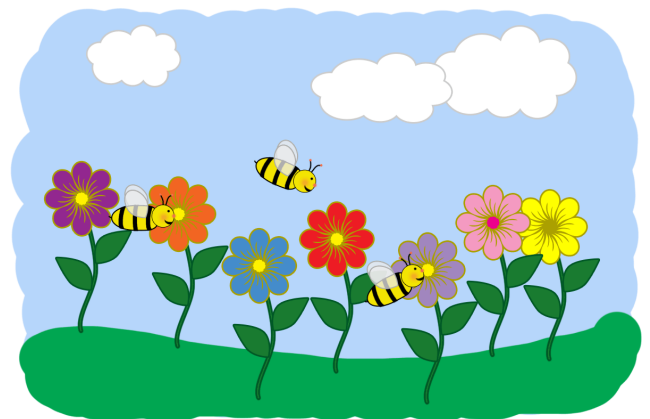
If you are interested in wildlife judging practices are about to begin. Please contact our Diversified Ag agent Adaven at adaven@ksu.edu for more information.

Childcare Training

Are you looking for a summer job and think babysitting is the right job for you, this childcare training is perfect then! You can register at <https://bit.ly/ccctfss> today!

SPRING SHOW INFORMATION

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





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