



Crawford County 4-H News

April 2023

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 have any questions about upcoming events or activities, please remember to reach out to me. 4-H members if you or your club are doing something great please remember to share it!

Sincerely,

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



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April 1	Beef Weigh/Tag-In 2-3:30PM @ Mesa Animal Clinic
April 2	Western Heritage Meeting at 3:00PM
April 6	Allen County Judging Contest contact Keith or Ryan to attend.
April 20	Last Day to Order Beef DNA Envelopes for State Nominations
April 24	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm @ Extension Office 4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm @ Extension Office
May 1	State 4-H/FFA Market Beef Nominations Due & DNA Postmarked Camp Registration, New family enrollment Deadline
May 13	Small Animal Weigh/Tag-In 8-10AM @ Fairgrounds
May 15	Fair Entry Opens
June 1	Horse ID Papers Due
June 5	Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes for State Nomination
June 5-6	Greenbush Camp
June 7-9	Discovery Days
June 12	District Favorite Foods Contest 4-6PM @ Old Iron Club in Fredonia
June 13-15	Sewing Camp @ Extension Office
June 15	State Animal Nominations Due & DNA Postmarked Commercial Heifer Nominations Due State Only Registered Breeding Heifer Papers in Exhibitors Name for State Registered Breeding Gilt Papers in Exhibitors Name for State
June 16	Area Livestock Contest
June 20	Floating on Leadership
June 26	Fair Entry Help Night 5:30pm @ Extension Office Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm @ Extension Office 4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm
June 27	Area Challenge Day
July 1	Registered Breeding Ewe papers in Exhibitors Name for State
July 11-13	District Livestock Judging Camp
July 12	Poultry testing 4-6PM at the Fairgrounds

Enrollment

4-H Online system opens on October 1, 2022 for a new year. Step-by-step instructions can be found on our Crawford 4-H website or at <http://v2.4honline.com/>

Returning families had until January 31 to re-enroll and new families have until May 1st. 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

Picking Projects

Picking projects is a fun and exciting time. Check out this link to learn about all of the projects offered in 4-H. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/> If you have questions please do not hesitate to reach out. Remember you have until **May 1st** to pick your projects.

Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders is open to all 4-H youth 13-18. The next Junior Leaders meeting will be on Monday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. 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.

New Volunteers

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Will to learn more about how to become a certified 4-H volunteer.

Rabbit/Poultry Barn Community Service

“Thank you to all of the 4-H kids, parents, and leaders that came to the community service day at the small animal barn at the fairgrounds. We had several projects of prep work; pulling nails and staples, moving cages and equipment out of the barn, and tearing out the old cage stands. All of this was done to prepare the barn for the construction crews to come in and refurbish it. A great job was done by all!” –Kris Page

Photo by Johanna Walker



Poultry Owners

Poultry Testing will be on **July, 12 4-6PM** at the fairgrounds. Remember that this is required in order to exhibit at fair.

Plan for the future!

4-H Camp Scholarships

There is a scholarship from Carolyn Zagonel and Americas Farmers grow Communities donation. By filling out the application found on the website youth can receive a \$100 scholarship to go toward a 4-H camp/activity. Participating at the District Favorite Foods contest also makes you eligible to receive \$100 scholarship. Please call Will if you have any questions.

Greenbush Camp

Greenbush camp on June 5 & 6, 2023. 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**.

Rock Springs Camp 2023

To learn more about the pricing, and schedule, and to sign up go to <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>

Discovery Days

Discovery Days will be held June 7-9 in Manhattan. More details and registration will be coming out soon.

Floating on Leadership

Junior Leaders date for Floating on leadership June 20, 2023. Call the office to sign up today!

Fair Proposals

The Fair Board September meeting was the last time to submit proposals for changes for the 2023 Crawford County Fair. Any future proposals that are made at 4-H Council or Fair Board will be considered for fair 2024.

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 1, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Fredonia Old Iron Club.

Crawford County 2022 Fair Book!

Below you will find the link to the website where you will find the 2023 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 may 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 Entry will open up May 15 and will close **July 15th**

Rabbit Project Meeting

Rabbit project meeting planned for the year! This is open to all youth who are interested in the Rabbit project. Each meeting will help to address what the youth should be working on with their project during that time of year. You do not have to bring your animals to the meetings.

Dates and Times (Watch the newsletter in the event of a date change.)

February 11 at the Extension Office 9-11 a.m.

April 15 at the Fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

May 20 at the Fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

June 17 at the Fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

July 15 at the Fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Entomology Project Meeting

The next Entomology project meeting will be Sat. April 8th at the Allen County Extension Office beginning at 1:30 p.m. We will be working on pinning insects and identifying the insects you have collected. We will also finish the Snow Globes you have started. So bring pinning supplies, insects, your painted tuna can and a picture of an insect to fit inside your tuna can. Please bring a garden trowel if you have one. We will be planting flowers as a community service project. Also bring a 2 to 3 minute talk on the insect whose picture you put in the tuna can. Insects are starting to come out so get your jars ready. Happy insect hunting! Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170

Livestock Tag/Weigh-In Days-

Beef Tag/weigh-in day for **MARKET BEEF** will be on April 1st, 2:00-3:30 p.m. 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 to meet with you to tag your animals before April 1st. Do not wait until the 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 13th.

Small Animal Tag/weigh-in day for **MARKET GOATS, MARKET SHEEP, MARKET SWINE, AND BUCKET CALF** will be on May 13 8:00-10 a.m. 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 13th. Do not wait until last minute in order to ensure that your animals get tagged on time.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ANIMALS ARE CASTRATED!

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>

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.

Youth Sewing Camp

Do you like to sew or would you like to learn? The opportunity awaits. The Youth Sewing Camp is set for June 13-15, 2023, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Youth ages 10 and up are eligible to attend. **Youth cannot have attended for more**

than 2 years. The cost is \$20 per child and space is limited so register early!

Call the Extension office to sign- up! 620-724-8233.



Shooting Sports

Archery

2023 Crawford County 4- H Archery will begin Sunday, April 16, 3 p.m. at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, South side of the Marvin Green Bldg. Then we will meet every Sunday with the exception of holidays (Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, etc.). The first 2 Sundays (April 16 & 23) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. Beginners **MUST** attend the range and safety orientation on April 16 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 and beginners, will begin meeting on Sunday, April 30 at 3:00 pm. For more information email, text or call Dan Mosier II at danmosierii@gmail.com, 620-687-0643.

Western Heritage

Western Heritage - Our next meeting is on April 2 at 3:00 p.m. at the Sandford house (367 E. 590 Ave. Pittsburg, KS). Call if you need directions (620-249-1088). We will be covering the history and use of level action rifles from 1860-1900 and then preparing to have our first shooting event. Everyone needs to bring their cartridge holder block or whatever they have designed and built (remember 10 .22 caliber holes for rifle, 2 @ 5 .22 caliber holes for pistol, and four 12 ga. and four 20 ga. holes for shotgun). Also, do your best to find at least one item that the persona you have chosen would use or wear and be prepared to share with the group whom you are going to transform into at our meetings! See you there.

Wildcat District Livestock Judging Team Facebook Group

Parents, please use this QR code in order to join this private group. It will help you stay up to date on all of the latest happenings.



State Events

Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar Series

The Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar series gives Kansas 4-H'ers, Horse volunteers and parents an opportunity to gain skills 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. Webinars will be hosted live on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Please register in advance to receive the link and details to join. Webinars will be recorded and made available for those wishing to view them at a later date.

Register here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/equine-webinar-series.html>

Participants may submit questions relating to the webinar topic to klnordyke@ksu.edu until 2:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled webinar. Please include "Equine Webinar Question" in the subject line of your email. After attending the live webinar, or viewing the recording, please provide feedback through the survey link. This helps Kansas 4-H to plan and improve future webinars.

Kansas 4-H Animal Science Webinar Series

Kansas 4-H'ers can learn more about the livestock industry through the Kansas 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. Webinars will be hosted live on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Register in advance at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/animal-science-webinar-series.html> to receive an email with the link to join. Webinars will be recorded and made available for those wishing to view them at a later date. Participants may submit questions relating to the webinar topic to klnordyke@ksu.edu until 2:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled seminar. Please include "Animal Science Webinar Question" in the subject of your email.

Updates to Kansas 4-H Horse Project

Beginning with the 2023 4-H Program Year Kansas 4-H Horse Project Members, who are currently enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project are eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show if:

- 1.) The horse is properly identified for the Kansas 4-H Horse Project either by a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-H'ers or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, or b) identifying with a Kansas 4-H Horse ID Form signed by the local Extension Agent by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. The 4-H member must have a copy of the 4-H Horse ID form signed by the local agent or a copy of the horse's registration papers on file with their local Extension Office by June 1 of the current 4-H program year.
- 2.) Exhibit a properly identified horse at a horse show in a class group and be qualified to exhibit in any class included in that group. The horse show need not be a "4-H" show. Shows may include: open shows, circuits, local associations (SCSHA, etc), breed/discipline associations (AQHA, APHA, NRHA etc.). Qualification for each group is based on one horse/rider combination. Exception: If if a 4-Her qualifies more than one mare/gelding in the same halter class. In this case, another 4-Her can show the second horse in the appropriate halter class at the State Fair.
Group 1 Halter, Showmanship

Group 2 Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat
Equitation, Hunter Hack, Saddleseat Pleasure,
Saddleseat Equitation
Group 3 Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship,
Trail,
Group 4 Ranch Rail, Ranch Pattern, Ranch Trail,
Reining
Group 5 Barrels, Poles, Flags

3.) Complete the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar
Safety Episode with quiz annually before
completing the State Fair Entry.

Complete online entry information for the Kansas
State 4-H Horse Show via ShoWorks by August 1
of the current program year.

Exhibitors will be limited to entering only those
classes in which they qualified for a particular
horse.

Exhibitors should be prepared to show proof of
exhibition via a signed affidavit by show
management.

The qualification period will be from October 1-
August 1 of the current 4-H program year.

Wanted Host Families for Japanese Exchange Summer 2023

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? Host
a new friend from Japan in your home this summer,
July 22 – August 17. Kansas 4-H International
Exchange Programs are offering hosting
opportunities for 30-35 families this summer. Host
families are needed who would be willing to host a
Japanese boy or girl. The Japanese youth will be
between the ages of 12 - 16. Our responsibility is to
make host family assignments matching each
delegate with an American same-gender host sibling
as soon as possible so that families and exchange
delegates can communicate and get to know each
other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16, who
is interested in Japanese culture, may host. A
separate bed is required, but not necessarily, a
separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are
100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance
and bring their own spending money. They can go
on host family vacations, and camping trips, or join

their host sibling for summer camps and the county
fair. The focus is everyday family life.

Interested families can complete the application at
<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to
start the process.

If you have further questions, please call Pam Van
Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator,
at 785-826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

Complete Your Host Family Application Now!

February is the ideal time to start your family's
experience in another part of the globe. By hosting a
4-H International Exchange, you will open up your
family to the world. This year you can welcome a
youth from Japan or Korea for a month next
summer or for the next school term. You may be
able to host a 4-H teen from Norway or Costa Rica
for a month next summer. Or you might welcome
an IFYE (over 18) from Europe, Asia, Africa or
Latin America for 2-3 weeks between June and
September.

Intrigued, but don't know where to start? Start by
completing a Host Family Application in February
and list your choices for one-month States' 4-H teen
exchanges. The application is the same for all
States' 4-H International Exchanges one-month
summer programs. You can find a link to an inquiry
form at www.Kansas4-h.org under "News and
Updates".

Contact Mary Kay Munson for general questions
about any exchange including school-year hosting
(AYP) at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu. Pam
Van Horn pvanhorn@ksu.edu is the coordinator and
direct contact for the Japan Summer Inbound
Exchange. If you want more information about
IFYE hosting, contact Coordinator Chelsy
Champlin chelsycoen@gmail.com. Placements of
youth are made in March at the national level. If
one is not available for a Kansas applicant family,
we will try to provide an opportunity to host another
exchange coming to Kansas

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Crawford County Fair Board and the Livestock Sale Committee are looking for 2 people to volunteer and perform the outlined task below. Ideally, the people fulfilling these task have a knowledge of livestock sales (preferably Crawford County), are organized, and efficient, works well with others, and are good with numbers.

The outline of responsibilities are listed below as well as the times of when they are performed.

- Attend sale committee meetings, typically held during the winter or spring.
- **Friday of Fair-**
 - Review and check the entered destinations for each species provided by Extension staff.
 - Utilize the FairEntry system to organize and configure the sale catalog. This is done after the noon deadline when destination slips are to be submitted. Once the catalog is complete, it is to be emailed to buyers and posted on the Fair Facebook page.
- **Saturday of Fair-**
 - Before the sale, help to check in buyers at the ring.
 - Assist during the sale with imputing and tracking the information.
 - Provide a Destination packing list for base bid buyers after the sale.
 - Mail them a copy after the fact as well to the base bid.
- **Post Sale-** These can either be done on Saturday after the sale or best case would be Sunday or Monday after the fair at the latest
 - Make adjustments to each sale member in order for the math to be correct in the system.
 - Review each buyer's statement and mail them to buyers so they have something for their records and know what to pay youth.

- Review the check for each youth to ensure that they are all correct before printing checks. If they are correct print and mail checks at the earliest time.
- Track that base bids are paid to the Fair Board.

If you or someone you know is interested in this position please contact a Fair Board member or Will at the Extension Office.





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