



## Crawford County 4-H News

December 2025

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

You do many great things during the holiday season! If you decorate a float for a parade, participate in a toy drive, go caroling, sponsor a child from the angel tree, etc. I want to know about it! Please email me a short description and pictures. I will compile club activities and write newspaper articles, or your club reporter can submit them to the newspaper.

Sincerely,  
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**Wildcat Extension District – Crawford County 4-H Website:**  
[www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/)



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Dec 25-Jan 1      Office Closed

**2026**

<b>Jan 5</b>	<b>Kansas State 4-H Scholarship Deadline</b>
Jan 13	Junior Leaders Meeting 6 PM
Jan 15	Regional Record Books Due to Extension Office
Jan 16	Regional Record Book Judging
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>4-H Club Day Sign Up Deadline</b>
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Returning Family Enrollment Help Deadline</b>
<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Returning Family Enrollment Deadline</b>
Feb 7	Crawford County 4-H Club Day Junior Make Sausage @ Extension Office
Feb 8	Crawford County Junior Leaders Pancake Feed
Feb 15-16	Citizenship in Action in Topeka
Feb 21-22	Horse Panorama @ Rock Springs
Feb 23	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30 PM 4-H Council Meeting 7:30 PM
Feb 28	Regional Club Day @ Neosho County Community College
March 7	Beef Producer Day in Manhattan

# Enrollment

The 4-H Online system opens on October 1, 2025, for a new year. Step-by-step instructions can be found on our Crawford 4-H website or at <http://v2.4honline.com/>

## Youth/Volunteer Enrollment

The new 4-H year is **October 1<sup>st</sup>**! Don't forget that all returning families have until **January 31, 2025, to re-enroll in 4-H Online**. All new families have until **May 1 to enroll in 4-H Online**. All volunteers must renew their 4-HOnline. <http://v2.4honline.com/>

## Junior Leaders

Pancake Feed planning meeting Tuesday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m.

The Junior Leaders' next meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m.

## 4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m. Please note that each club is required to send two council representatives, one president, and two adult leaders in attendance. If one cannot participate, they need to find an alternate to fill in for that meeting.

## Fair Wrap Up

Your checks are ready to be picked up at the Extension Office, M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Don't forget to send thank-you cards to all who sponsored awards and purchased items at the sale.

## Fair Proposals

A complete document of this year's Fair proposal results for the 2026 Fair was emailed to you. Please note that all State Fair updates to indoor projects and proposal changes will be highlighted in red when the Fair Book is released. If you have any questions, please know that my door is always open, and I would be happy to talk with you.

## Fair Shirts

Co-op was kind enough to provide each 4-H member with a fair shirt again this year. If you did not pick you up at the Coop trailer at the fair, please

go to their main office to pick you up as soon as possible.

## Livestock Sale Buyers Checks

If you have not done so already, please pick up your check from your buyer as soon as possible. It reflects poorly on you and 4-H if your buyer has to track you down to give you your check. Remember that if they have a bad experience, they may not return as a buyer.

## Wildcat District Livestock Judging Team Facebook Group

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



## 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>. Resources for our online book record-keeping can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>.

## Entomology Project

Coming in December: Insect Basics 101! Our Entomology group had a great time at Family Day in November! Now it is time to get started on those insect collections, notebooks, and educational displays for the new 4-H year. Our next project meeting will take place on Saturday, December 13th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Allen County Extension Office. We will be learning about insect anatomy. We will be pinning insect specimens. Please bring your pinning boards, pins, and 3 insect specimens to pin. Don't forget to put your insect specimens in your relaxing chambers for 12 to 24 hours before the meeting. If you are new and need a pin setup, I will have some available for

\$15. I will also have some extra insects available for pinning in case you do not have any in the freezer. I would like each 4-H'er to bring a short project talk on another project you are enrolled in for the new 4-H year. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170 or email her at [vicky.wallace55@gmail.com](mailto:vicky.wallace55@gmail.com)

## Rabbit Project Meeting

At the extension office-9 am February 14-Rabbit basics (ie, care, supplies, record books-goal setting, picking a breed)

At the small animal barn(fairgrounds)-9am

**4/11-** (meat rabbits and meat pens, when to breed for fair)

**5/16-** (potential meat processing clinic)

**6/27-** (handling rabbits, basics of rabbit showmanship/herdsmanship, fair entry questions, tattoo rabbits)

**7/18-** (last-minute questions/things for fair, tattoo rabbits)

I'm going to try and line up some guest speakers for various topics, so let me know what you would like to hear about rabbits or the rabbit project. I have created a FB page for members of the rabbit project as an easier way to send information to families. **CC Rabbit Project Members** is the page name. It will be a private page, so you will need to ask to join. I will also send invitations to project members via email.

Meeting times/dates/locations/topics subject to change, but plenty of notice will be given

## YQCA Training

This course is required for youth who are planning to attend the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. All youth are encouraged to participate in this. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. The program is designed to provide a minimum of 60 minutes of education each year.

**Sign Up at:** [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)

**Step 1-** Sign in or create a profile

**Step 2-** Search the course "Crawford County YQCA Training 2025-2026" if you attended the class at 4-H Super Sunday on November 2. If not, you will need to take the online course.

**Step 3-** Register for that course and pay the \$3

**Step 4:** Take Pre-Test

**Step 5:** Attend the training

**Step 6:** Take the Post-Test and print the certificate.

## Plan for the future!

### 4-H Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarships are available through the 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 in the Favorite Foods Contest. The Scholarship will be refunded up to \$100 upon the youth's return from camp. This is a great way for youth to experience more youth development opportunities! There is also the scholarship from Carolyn Zagonel and America's Farmers Grow Communities donation. By filling out this application, youth can receive a \$100 scholarship to help cover the cost of a 4-H camp/activity. Please call Will if you have any questions.

### Regional Record Book Judging

All eligible record books are due at the office by January 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. If you would like to set up a time to review it with me, please reach out to arrange that beforehand.

### 4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day sign-up is now up and running! Please visit our website, where you will find guidelines, information, and the sign-up form. Club day will be on Saturday, February 7, at the Girard High School Cafeteria. Clubs remember that you must do a model meeting in order to be eligible for a purple seal at the end of the year





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