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**

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Wildcat Extension District – Crawford County 4-H Website:
www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/

Find us on Facebook @ Wildcat Extension District &
@ Wildcat Extension District 4-H

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Crawford County
Labette County
Montgomery County
Wilson County
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

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!

Junior Leaders
Junior Leaders is open to all 4-H youth 13-18. Junior leaders will be making sausage on Saturday February 5th at 2:00pm at the Extension Office. The Pancake Feed will be on Sunday February 6th has been CANCELED. The next Junior Leaders meeting will be on Monday February 28th at 6:30pm.

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.

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
Save the date now for Greenbush camp on June 6 & 7, 2022. This camp is for youth 7-8 years old.

Floating on Leadership
Junior Leaders save the date for Floating on leadership June 8, 2022. 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. At the office, forms will be signed and mailed to you for your records.

4-H Club Day
Crawford County 4-H Club day will be on Saturday February 5th. Sign up can be found on our website. https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/index.html Remember that clubs need to complete a Model Meeting in order to receive a purple seal at the end of the year. Also remember that if you do an individual talk or demonstration you are eligible to receive a scholarship for a 4-H camp or activity. If you are unable to attend in person and would like to attend via Zoom get with Will to help you schedule it that day. There will be no pre-recording. (Regional Club Day will be March 5th for those eligible.)

4-H Council
The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday February 28th 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.

Fair Proposals
Thank you to everyone for your fair proposals for the 2022 Crawford County fair. Those proposals are currently in the process of being reviewed. When all have been reviewed and assessed those who submitted them will be notified with the decision. 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.

4-H Judging Teams
Interested in being a part of Wildcat Judging Teams next year? Great! Now is the time to express interested 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**
Enroll now in Crawford County 4-H!
Step-by-step instructions can be found on our Crawford 4-H website or at [http://v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com/). The system will save your information from last year. If you are a returning member do not create a new account. Please use the “forgot password” option if you don’t remember your information from last year. **New families will need to follow the instructions for new families on our website or at [http://v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com/).**

Returning families deadline is January 31st and new families 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

**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/](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.

**Record Books**
Now is the time to begin thinking about record books. This year you will be able to do those online! Recources can be found for the forms here: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html) Recources for our online zbooks record keeping can be found here: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html)

**Citizenship in Action (CIA)**
Citizenship in Action will be in person for 2022. Plans are being made for programming on February 20 and 21. Youth have an opportunity to practice their leadership skills and learn how they can influence laws and rules that affect society at large. This two-day event is sponsored by Kansas 4-H Youth Development and the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the program is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. Registration: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html)

**Kansas Junior Producer Days**
The 2022 Kansas Junior Producer Day dates have been set! We are excited to return to hosting in-person events next spring. Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be Saturday, March 5, with Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day scheduled for Saturday, March 19. Both events will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and
management of a specific specie. Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to attend! Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, and guest speakers. Topics range from selection, to nutrition, to meat science and showmanship. Tentative schedules and registration information are forthcoming. For more information, including details to sign up, please follow the @ksuylp Facebook page and check the KSU YLP website: https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.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. The YQCA website is, https://yqca.learngrow.io. Use your 4-H Online user name and password to login. Instructions for signing up for classes and printing completed certificate can be found online.

Livestock Tag/Weigh-In Days-
Beef Tag/weigh-in day for MARKET BEEF 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!

Record Books and Achievement Banquet Awards
You can pick up your record books and Achievement Banquet awards at the Extension Office M-F 8am-4:30pm

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.

Fair Superintendents- We are needing a Fair superintendent for the 4-H Field Crops/Floral/Hort and Open Class Co-Superintendent Arts & Crafts/Photography. If you would like more information or are someone willing to volunteer for this, please let me know.

Fair Awards- The following awards are open if you or someone you know would like to sponsor them. Overall Champion Unmanned Aerial System, Overall Reserve Unmanned Aerial System, Champion Overall Robotics, Reserve Champion
Robots, Champion Intermediate Horse Showmanship, Champion Medium Dog Agility

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.

Parents/Guardians
With the new year, I want to encourage a new way of thinking. 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.

Health Professions Summer Program
The College of Health and Human Sciences at Kansas State University is reaching out to inform you of the new Health Professions Summer Program to be hosted the week of July 10, 2022 on K-State’s Manhattan campus. Through hands-on activities and interactions with K-State faculty, students, alumni and local health care professionals, this program aims to provide a more in depth look at a variety of areas in health care and how each area impacts the lives of others.

This week-long program is designed for incoming high school juniors and seniors who are interested in a career helping others through the health care industry. Participants will come to Meet, Explore and Experience a variety of health care professions with a small cohort of like-minded high school students.

As part of the program, students will:

Meet
- Other high school students interested in a health care career.
- K-State alumni currently enrolled in professional school or working in the area as health care professionals.
- K-State faculty with expertise in areas of human health.
- Current K-State students pursuing a career as a health care professional.
- K-State health professions advisors.

Explore
- A variety of professions that focus on human health including areas such as health care providers, food safety experts, public health professionals, illness and disease researchers and more.
- How professions focused on health care work together to provide a holistic approach to their patients and clients.
- Professional school applications and how to become a competitive applicant.

Experience
- Living on campus in the residence halls.
- Hands-on activities that explore the different areas of health care.
- All that K-State has to offer!

At the conclusion of the program, participants will have an understanding of many different health care professions; gain insight into the highlights and challenges of pursuing their chosen profession; and be provided the tools to be a successful pre-health student at K-State.

CONGRADULATIONS TO THOSE SENIOR RECORD BOOK WINNERS WHO PARTICIPATED AT REGIONALS!
Summer Internship Opportunities
The K-State Research and Extension Wildcat District provides community education, utilizing research-based information, directly to the residents of Crawford, Montgomery, Labette, and Wilson Counties. Summer interns will collaborate with district staff to learn about and participate in each of our programming focus areas - agriculture/horticulture, 4-H/youth development, health, nutrition & families, and community development. Summer 2022 interns will also develop and lead educational programs for youth with the support and supervision of Wildcat District agents. **Location**: K-State Research & Extension Wildcat District Office – Girard, Independence, Altamont or Fredonia, depending on the county of residence. **Type**: 15-40 hours/week, paid hourly, no benefits. **Start/End Date**: 12-week program (May 23rd – August 12th). **Compensation**: Intern salary will be commensurate with experience and depend on available grant funds with a range from $8 - $17/hour paid monthly. The schedule may be flexible depending on the candidate’s availability and range from 15-40 hours/week. There will be occasional evening and weekend work required. Students may also be eligible for course credit for this internship – please check with your academic advisor and request any forms or letters of reference from district staff before the completion of your internship. **Purpose**: Our annual summer Internship provides an educational opportunity to gain valuable experience working with District Extension Staff and community members while providing evidence-informed, direct-education enrichment programming to area youth. Interns participate in multiple learning experiences enhancing their academic and career goals. The partnerships developed between the Wildcat District Research & Extension Staff, community members served, and the Intern have proven to be beneficial to all involved. **Description**: As a member of the Wildcat District Research & Extension Team, the Intern will primarily spend time in the Extension Office networking local community resources to identify youth participants and develop and lead summer programming in a variety of content areas and site locations. Training and support will be provided by state and local Extension staff. **Responsibilities**: Collaborate with Wildcat Extension District Staff, including agents and office professionals. Communicate with community members/clientele in a professional manner, maintain confidentiality of office or clientele relations. Plan and implement a predetermined number of County Program of interest that will benefit youth in the District. Assist with District Extension Agent Programs or Events, as needed. Complete Monthly Board Reports/Timesheets. Participate in evaluation of internship program, potentially present to District Board of Directors about experience and program(s) developed. **Qualifications**: Intern may be current student or professional looking for summer work opportunity. At least 16 years of age with current driver’s license. Interested in Agriculture, Food/Nutrition, Families, Youth Development or Community Development. Good oral, written, and communication/presentation skills. **How to Apply**: Please send a resume and cover letter to indicate interest, along with any potential dates unavailable to work, to your local Extension Office. Screened intern applicants will also be asked to complete a follow-up application.

Crawford County Junior Leaders ANNUAL Pancake Feed
CANCELED
Homemade Sausage will be available on February 7th. Please Call the Extension Office for more information.
All free will donations go to support the Crawford County Jr. Leaders.
For more information, please contact 620-724-8233 or email wildcatext@ksu.edu