



Crawford County 4-H News

February 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 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

Feb 4	4-H Club Day @ Girard High School Cafeteria Junior Leaders Make Sausage @ 1PM
Feb 5	Junior Leaders Pancake Feed
Feb 19-20	Citizenship In Action
Feb 27	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm 4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm
Mar 1	State 4-H Award Submissions Due KS 4-H Scholarships Due
Mar 4	Regional Club Day @ Neosho County College
Mar 11	Swine Producer Day Manhattan KS
Mar 16-17	Youth Tractor Safety Training
Mar 18	Meat Goat Producer Day Manhattan KS
Mar 20	YQCA training 6:30pm @ Extension Office
Mar 30	Fair Judges Training 6:00pm
April 1	Beef Weigh/Tag-In 2-3:30PM @ Mesa Animal Clinic
May 1	State 4-H/FFA Market Beef Nominations Due Camp Registration, New family enrollment Deadline
May 13	Small Animal Weigh/Tag-In 8-10AM @ Fairgrounds
June 1	Horse ID Papers Due
June 5-6	Greenbush Camp
June 7-9	Discovery Days
June 16	Area Livestock Contest
June 20	Floating on Leadership
June 27	Area Challenge Day

Enrollment

4-H Online system opened 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 1. 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

Selecting Projects

Selecting 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 1 to select your projects.

Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders is open to all 4-H youth 13-18. The next Junior Leaders meeting will be on Monday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Junior Leaders will be making sausage on February 4th at 1 p.m. at the Extension Office. The Pancake Feed will be on February 5th at the Extension Office. Junior Leaders need to call the office to sign up for a shift.

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, February 27th 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.

Youth/Volunteer Enrollment

The new 4-H year is **October 1st**! Do not forget that all returning families have until **January 31, 2023**, to re-enroll in 4-HOnline. All new families have until **May 1st** to enroll in 4-HOnline. All volunteers must renew their 4-HOnline. <http://v2.4honline.com/>

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.

Plan for the future!

4-H Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarships are available through 4-H Council. These are limited to one per youth per year. To be eligible for this scholarship 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 a scholarship from Carolyn Zagonel and Americas Farmers grow Comminutes donation. By filling out this application, youth can receive a \$100 scholarship to go toward a 4-H camp/activity. Please call Will if you have any questions.

County Fair Judges Training

Save the date for a County Fair Judges training on March 30, 2023! All are welcome to come and learn how to judge a wide variety of project areas. More details to come in the future.

4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day sign up is now up and running! Please go to our website where you will find guidelines, information, and the sign up. Club day will be on Saturday, February 4th at the Girard High School Cafeteria. Remember if you give an individual talk or demonstration you will be eligible for a \$100 scholarship to a 4-H camp or activity. Clubs remember you must do a model meeting to be eligible for a purple seal at the end of the year.

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.

Market Poultry Meeting

What: Market Poultry meeting

Who: Anyone interested in the poultry project

When: Sunday, February 12th at 2 p.m.

Where: Extension Office in Girard

Why: To learn about market poultry and entering them at the fair

We will be having a meeting for anyone interested in entering market poultry at the fair. We will go over different types of poultry because it is not just chickens. We will let you know how long you need to have the animals so you know when to get them. We will also have information on how to care for the animals and can help you with how to get them. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask at the meeting. We are wanting to help everyone know how this project works and make sure everyone knows how they should enter their animals. Even if you are not in the poultry project but would like to see how it works so you can help others, feel free to come. Please RSVP so we can have a head count. RSVP by calling/texting 620-687-5795 or emailing sage.elmer@gmail.com

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 22 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

Entomology project meeting in Iola, Kansas at the Allen County Extension Office on Saturday, March 11 starting at 1:30 p.m. We will be concentrating on pinning that day. If you do not have a pinning board or insect pins, I will have basic pinning setups available to purchase for \$10. Please bring a zip drive or laptop. I will get a spreadsheet set up for you to do your labels on. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Youth will learn about reading feed tags, giving shots, and more! Classes are open to all youth as a learning opportunity regardless of where you plan to show!

Crawford March 20th 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.learnrow.io>. Use your 4-H Online username and password to log in. Instructions for signing up for classes and printing a completed certificate can be found online.

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 NEEDS 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 13th 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 to meet with you to tag your animals before May 13th. Do not wait until the last minute in order to ensure that your animals get tagged on time.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ANIMALS ARE CASTRATED!

Livestock Sale Buyers Checks

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

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>

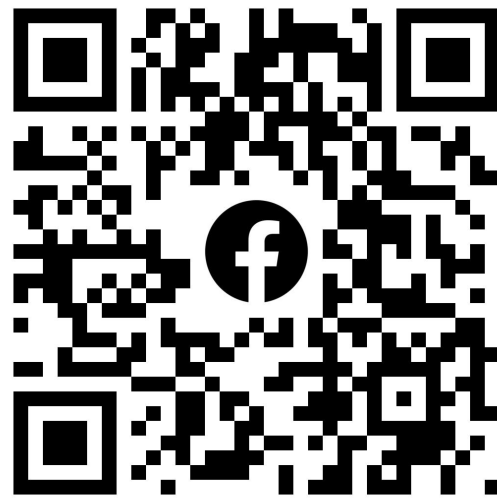
CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE SENIOR RECORD BOOK WINNERS WHO PARTICIPATED AT REGIONALS!

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.

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.



Entomology Meeting

There will be no Entomology Project Meeting in January. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 18th at 1:30 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office in Iola. For the new families, please bring back the two handouts I gave you in December. We will be working more on pinning, which will help you better understand some of the pinning techniques. Everyone, please bring your pinning board, insect pins, and quilting pins if you have them. If there are any new families, I will have a pinning board for you. Insect pins are \$6.50 per package. In addition, everyone please bring one or two empty and clean tuna cans for a special project we will do. Watch your emails. If the weather is bad here, I will send out an email cancellation or you can call me at (620)804-9170 to check on the meeting status. Please do not drive if

your roads are bad. You can call me at any time with questions. Hope to see you in February. Vicky

State Events

Kansas 4-H Ambassador and Communication Training

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be held February 24-25 at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp.

Friday night registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Dismissal will be Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

We will also be offering some 4-H Communication Training for teens who are not part of a local 4-H Ambassador Program, it will be a separate but still connected program that same weekend.

Be watching your email for registration information. Registration will be due February 1, 2023.

Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action - Registration is now open

What: Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you will want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! Two-day day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event 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.

When: February 19-20, 2023

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar SeriesThe 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 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 klnoordyke@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 the 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 klnoordyke@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.

K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

The 2023 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, in Manhattan! Participants of all skill levels are invited to sign up and attend! The cost is \$20/per person and the deadline to register is February 15.

K-State Junior Meat Goat Day

The 2023 K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 18, in Manhattan. All ages and skill levels are invited to sign up and participate. The cost is \$20/per person and the deadline to register is February 22.

4-H Day with Women Wildcats!

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents (KAE4-HA) is excited to inform you that the annual "4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball" has been scheduled for Sunday, February 12th at 1 p.m. Join us as the Wildcats take on the Oklahoma Sooners! For \$25, each attendee will receive a ticket to the game, an awesome game day t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. This year, a ticket/voucher option with no t-shirt is available for \$15.

2023 Kansas 4-H and Vanier Scholarship Applications NOW AVAILABLE

The applications for Kansas 4-H and Vanier Scholarships are now available on our webpage. The only significant change for the applications this year is that youth are asked to submit some files to our Kansas4H@ksu.edu email address rather than uploading them into the Qualtrics application. All necessary information for applications can be found listed under each description. Please contact Sarah Keatley at 620-366-0035 or keatley@ksu.edu with any questions. Applications and supporting documents are due in by no later than March 1, 2023.

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), and breed/discipline associations (AQHA, APHA, NRHA etc.). Qualification for each group is based on one horse/rider combination. Exception: 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 the 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, 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.

KANSAS 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE WEBINAR: CAREERS IN LIVESTOCK NUTRITION

JANUARY 23, 2023, 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM

Presented by:
Dr. Karol Fike,
Teaching Associate Professor -
Physiology
Kansas State University



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Online course for youth & adults. Practice tests, slides, digital stations, & twice weekly lectures in 6 content areas. Participants can interact with equine professors from Universities across the United States!

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February 6, 2023

STARTING AT
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for all 6 weeks!

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KANSAS 4-H AMBASSADOR & COMMUNICATION TRAINING


FEB 24-25, 2023
ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

Up and Away with 4-H! A combined 4-H Ambassador and Communications Training will feature workshops, speakers and opportunities to practice public relations skills. Registration closes Feb. 1st.



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KANSAS 4-H CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

**FEB 19-20, 2023
TOPEKA, KS**

This 2-day, action packed event has been a fan favorite for many years! Youth will have an opportunity to practice their leadership skills and learn how they can influence laws and rules that affect society at large. Register by February 1st!



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States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

2023 Spring PEN PAL PROGRAM



Connect with an international peer from around the globe and make a new friend this spring! Participants will:

- ✔ Learn and share about each other's cultures
- ✔ Develop cross-cultural communication skills

Program Details:

- Program dates: February 1 - April 23, 2023
- Registration closes when spots are filled or on January 23, 2023 @ 5:00PM Pacific Time (whichever comes first)
- Participants must be between the ages of 9 - 18
- There is a \$10 registration fee included in the registration form
- Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQKT2XF> to register now!





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