



Crawford County 4-H News

July 2025

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

Fair season is here! We are busy planning and are excited to share new opportunities with you. We have many exciting events happening this month! Read the entire newsletter. There will not be an August newsletter due to being at the fair. Hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,
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| July 1 | Registered Breeding Ewe Papers in Exhibitors Name (State Fair/KJLS) |
| July 10 | Fair Entry Help Deadline is the last time to get help with making entries before the deadline. |
| July 15 | Fair Entry Deadline
Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline |
| July 15-17 | OSU Big 3 Livestock Judging Contest |
| July 22 | Junior Leaders Make Ice-Cream- 8:30 AM-1:00 PM @ Fairgrounds
Ice-Cream Stand Training 5:45 PM @ Fairgrounds
Pre-Fair Clean-Up 6:00 PM |
| July 24 | County Senior Scholarship Due
BBQ Ticket Count Due to be considered for top seller
Foods and Food Preservation Judging 4-7:00PM Reserve Time Online |
| July 26 | Sewing & Textile Design, Shopping in Style, Fashion Review- Reserve Judging Time Slot Online |
| July 27 | Visual Arts, Fiber Arts, Photography 1-4PM Reserve Judging Time Online
Dog Showcase 5PM
Pre-Fair BBQ 5:30-7PM |
| July 29 | Livestock Vet Check & Weigh In 3-8 PM |
| July 30 | Rabbit Show, West End of building 9 AM
Poultry Show East End of building 9 AM
Small Animal Round Robin will follow
ALL INDOOR EXHIBITS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 11:00 AM
Barnyard Olympics 2 PM
Sheep Show 5 PM, followed by Dairy Show |
| July 31 | Horse Show and Swine Show 8 AM
Meat Goat Show 4 PM |
| August 1 | Bucket Calf Show 8 AM followed by Beef Show
ALL ANIMAL DESTINATION FORMS DUE AT NOON
Livestock Judging Contest at NOON, Kids Tractor Pull 3 PM, Corn Hole Tournament 4 PM |
| August 2 | Round Robin 8 PM
Livestock Sale 2 PM |
| August 3 | Post-Fair Clean Up and Move Out |
| August 4 | State Fair Indoor Exhibit Entry Deadline (Can Enter in Fair Office July 30-Aug 2) |

Where is Will?

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

Youth Enrollment Fee

An enrollment fee has to be paid before you can enter the Fair. Mail your checks to the address below. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER IN THE FAIR UNTIL IT IS PAID.**

Kansas State 4-H Office

201 Umberger Hall
1612 Claflin Road
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506

Fair Entry Open

You can now go online and begin your entries for the fair! Please check out the website. Also, do not forget to reserve your spot for consultative judging. The deadline to enter is **July 15th**. In FairEntry, the questions about how many animals you are bringing are for the stall reservation, not the class entry. Do not hit submit until you have entered everything. If you need help, call the office. **IF YOU FEEL YOU MAY NEED HELP OR FEAR YOU WILL NEED HELP BEFORE THE DEADLINE, YOU MUST REACH OUT BEFORE JULY 10 AT 4:30 PM. (This is only if you need help entering) AFTER THAT, TINA NOR I WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU BEFORE THE JULY 15 DEADLINE.**

Pre-Fair and Indoor Judging Information

We hope you are starting to think about your indoor projects for the Fair. **Please be sure to note dates and times this year** on the 2025 Fair Schedule!

Michelle Broxterman, FCS Agent, has highlighted some of the major reminders below:

- **Consultation Sign Up is Open** for Arts & Crafts (Visual Arts), Foods, Food Preservation, and Photography Please go to <http://bit.ly/CRJudging> to select your consultation time. You may drop off exhibits to be judged without consultation if you so desire. **Please note** that Foods and Clothing will be held at the Beulah Community Church Activity Building, just off of K-7 South of Girard. North of Beulah Community Church, Clark St, Girard, KS 66743.
- **For Buymanship (Shopping in Style) and Style Revue**
 - Clothing Construction will start at 8:00 am.
 - Buymanship Fashion Revue will start at 9:00 am, come ready!
 - Style revue for constructed garments will start at 11:30 am, or following Buymanship
 - A script for both buymanship and style revue should be provided at pre-entry. Here are recommendations: Scripts should be 4-6 sentences in length. Write it exactly as you want it to be read during the judging. Include the member's name and 4-H club somewhere in the first sentence. Some descriptors may include fabric, colors, patterns, where you will wear the outfit, what you like best, etc. Feel free to include hobbies and other information about yourself.
 - The following forms are required to be completed for the day of judging and are located on the CR County Fair website. Here is a shortcut: <https://bit.ly/CRclothing>
 - a. Cost Per Wear
 - b. Evaluation Score Sheet
- **For Foods/Food Preservation Judging**

- This year, Food Preservation will be judged at the same time as Foods at the Beulah Community Center.
- Plan to arrive 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time (food must be ready for display, there will not be time to prep) to take a photo and fill out your Fair Display Sheet.

Please Note Approximate Judging Times for Indoor Exhibits on Wednesday, July 30, 11:00 am and 11:30 am, full list in the 2025 Fair Schedule.

Pre-Fair Clean-Up

The annual pre-fair cleanup will be **on Tuesday, July 22, from 6-9 pm** at the fairgrounds. The Fair Board is so appreciative of the time and work that you put in! Please bring weed eaters, shovels, wheel barrels, rakes, brooms, staple guns, gloves, and whatever else you may need to lend a helping hand! If you are unsure what to do or do not have a task, please do not hesitate to ask a Fair Board Member, me, or the Club Leader.

Post-Fair Clean Up

It is important, as 4-H members, that we leave things better than we found them. On Sunday, **August 3rd**, be sure that you are cleaning your pens, picking up your projects, cleaning your camping area, and cleaning the area your club is responsible for. **Any exhibitor who does not clean his/her stall will forfeit all premium money, and will be charged \$50 per stall paid to the CCFA and will not be allowed to show in that department the next year.**

Fair Catalogs

Fair catalogs are funded by advertisements from local businesses. These advertisements are still being collected, so the fair catalog will be printed. **UNTIL then, please see our website or app for an updated 2025 version of the fair catalog.**

Pre-Fair BBQ Tickets

Tickets have been given to club leaders. Each member is required to sell five tickets. There are prizes for the top 4 ticket sellers. To be considered

for the top seller, you must turn in the ticket count by July 24. The BBQ is on Sunday, July 27, 5:30-7:00 PM at the Fairgrounds.



Annual Pre-Fair BBQ

Pre-Fair BBQ will be held July 27 in the Marvin Green Building at the fairgrounds.

Each family is asked to sell 5 tickets per child.

Purchasing tickets for 4-H supporters, leaders, plaque sponsors, or livestock buyers is a great way to say thank you! There will be an award for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place sellers (unless a winner sold under 25 tickets). Money raised from our BBQ pays for judges at club days, gas money to 4-H camps, fair supplies, the awards banquet, and meals, etc.

Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders' next meeting will be on Monday, August 25, at 6:30 p.m. We will also be meeting on Tuesday, July 22, at 8:30 am to make ice cream at the fairgrounds.

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. Remember, each club should have two council reps, one president, and two adult leaders attend. If one cannot participate, they need to find an alternate to fill in for that meeting.

Crawford County 2025 Fair Book!

Below is the link to the website where you will find the 2025 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 on May 15 and will close on **July 15th**

Fair Proposals

The last opportunity to make proposals for the 2026 fair is the August 4-H Council meeting and the September Fair Board Meeting. The proposals made at the 4-H Council or Fair Board will be considered for Fair 2026.

Dog Project Meeting

Dog project meetings will be held at 6:00 PM every Thursday at the Crawford County Fairgrounds from May 29th through July 24th. Contact Kristin Heuer or Johanna Walker at k_heuer@mail.com for more information.

Shooting Sports Coordinator

We are looking for a shooting sports Coordinator for Crawford County and potentially district-wide. This person is responsible for making sure our program is up to date and coordinating instructors when needed. They will also be in charge of completing our annual renewal. This person would not be responsible for instructing disciplines or hosting meetings. If you or someone you know is interested in the position, please reach out to me. There is a required training that this position would have to attend.

Rabbit Project meetings

Saturdays starting at 9 am (most meetings last one hour). These meetings will be at the small animal barn at the CC Fairgrounds

-July 19th- Last minute questions or things you need to do for the fair (can tattoo this date too)

-TBD-possible meat processing clinic in the fall
I will try to include guest speakers for various topics; let me know what you want to hear about rabbits or the rabbit project.

I have created a Facebook page for rabbit project members 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 must ask to join. I will also send invitations to project members via email.

I will be teaming up with the Labette County rabbit project leader and members for information exchanges, and we may have a joint meeting sometime during the project year. Meeting times/dates/locations/topics are subject to change, but plenty of notice will be given.

Archery

2025 Crawford County 4-H Archery will begin Sunday, April 13, at **3:00 p.m.** at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, South side of the Marvin Green Bldg. Then we will meet every Sunday except for holidays (Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, etc.). The first 2 Sundays (**April 13 & 27**) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. To participate in the program, beginners **MUST** attend the range and safety orientation on April 13. If you cannot make that meeting, please get in touch with Dan about possibly making other arrangements. Equipment will be provided for beginners; **PLEASE** leave yours at home. The veteran archers and beginners will begin meeting on Sunday, **April 27, at 3:00 p.m.** Email, text, or call Dan Mosier II at danmosierii@gmail.com, 620-687-0643 for more information.

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.



Setting the Stage for a Great Fair!

Some of these you may feel do not apply to you, but they are important reminders for us all. It will also help ensure we keep each other accountable and hopefully provide youth with a fun, safe, positive experience. Parents, please share this with your spouse to ensure everyone is on the same page.

Attitudes-Positivity! This is what I expect from everyone this year, as we are just over a week away from the first official Fair activity. (Beef Weigh-In) Some of you do a fantastic job, but others may need a reminder. 4-H is a Positive Youth Development organization, and sadly, on many occasions, some parents, volunteers, fair board members, etc., seem to lose sight of that. What has happened is in the past, and everyone is expected to do their best moving forward. As they prepare to enter any 4-H

event, I hope everyone checks their attitude at the door.

Relationships- Personal relationships are just that personal. No room exists for personal hatred, conflict, or rivalry at any 4-H event/activity. Your relationships are yours alone and have no business infecting the attitudes and experiences of those around you.

Grace and Understanding- Everyone is expected to have grace and understanding. NO ONE is perfect or is going to do things perfectly. Not everything will be done or addressed when and how you would like. Not every rule or policy is going to be agreed upon or liked. However, it is expected that everyone shows a little grace and understanding in that everyone is doing their best to do right by all youth.

Criticism vs. Clarification- There is a vast difference between the two, starting with your approach. Myself, superintendents, leaders, volunteers, and fair board members are ALWAYS open to clarifying questions. Those putting on 4-H events/activities do not deserve nor will tolerate unnecessary criticism/complaining. If you want change, we have a fair proposal process, and you better be ready to step up and volunteer.

Respect- You don't have to like what/how things are done, other families, rules/procedures, etc., but you must RESPECT them. You are expected to show respect to everyone, even if you disagree. You are not owed or guaranteed an explanation/justification for every decision/rule made. Still, you must trust that there was thought and reason put into every decision to try and keep a positive and safe environment for all youth. You must respect that sometimes things must be addressed/changed at the moment, and that time does not always allow for a seamless transition.

Conflict- With anything, there is likely to be conflict at times, but the difference comes in how you handle it. Remember always to respond and not react. Allow yourself and others time to process what is happening and address conflict calmly, coolly, and collectedly. Don't forget that a young person is likely watching and learning from you wherever you are, so be sure to be a positive role model.

What's your why? - Not every family has the same goals and values when participating in the fair. Some may want to help their child learn to care

for and raise livestock. Some may want to win a grand champion ribbon and be the top seller at the livestock sale; regardless of your family's why, it is essential to remember that what other families choose as their "why" is out of anyone's control. As a parent, this may be hard to explain or rationalize to your youth, but it teaches them to focus on themselves and their knowledge and skill development instead of others.

Fun- Let's all remember to have fun! There is so much time, energy, money, and resources that go into 4-H events/activities that if we are not all having fun, we need to figure out something that is. These are the memories that youth will carry with them for a lifetime, so it is our job to make sure they are positive ones.

Open Door- Remember that my door is always open. If you have questions or want to learn more, you will get a lot further and have more accurate information coming from me rather than taking secondhand information. So, if we need to chat, call the office or email me, and we can set up a time.

Fair Stall Reservation

This is done through the fair entry process when you enter. Each exhibitor will only be allotted stalls based on the number of animals present at check-in.

Entering extra animals that you do not bring in order to get extra stall space will not be tolerated. If it is determined that you have excess space, then you will be required to move to make room for other exhibitors. This is due July 15, the same time as entries.

Crawford County Fair

July 30- August 2, 2022

All animals must pass through a vet check. Market Animals must have state ear tags – Breeding Animals should have ear tags from you or the seller.

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED!

BEEF: Ear Tags & Vet Check

SWINE: Ear Tags & Vet Check

GOATS: Meat & Dairy - Ear Tags, Vet Check, & scrapie identification tags

SHEEP: Ear Tags, Vet Check, & scrapie identification tags

HORSES: Vet Check and a Negative Coggins paper must be shown to the superintendent

POULTRY: Vet check and health will be assessed by the superintendent.

RABBITS: No health papers. Vet check and Health will be assessed by the superintendent. Must have an ear tattoo.

DOG: Must have dog immunization record signed by a vet and a signed note from the vet saying the dog is flea-free.

A timeline has been established for bringing animals to the fair to allow them to be checked. The south gate of the fairgrounds will be locked. All trailers must enter from the north gate. Trailers will be stopped at the horse area for their health to be assessed by a veterinarian. Pay attention to signs, there will be ONE-WAY traffic around the barns. No animals will be allowed to come onto the fairgrounds outside of these hours:

Tuesday, July 29 – 3:00- 8:00 p.m.

4-H Weigh-in **Tuesday, July 29**

No reweighs allowed. All market animals must weigh! Scales open at 3:00 p.m.

All market animals, bucket calves, feeder steers, and Class 2 & 3 Breeding Doe Meat Goats will be weighed. The scales will be open on Tuesday, July 29, of fair week from 3:00 pm-8:00 pm for weighing of Market and Feeder Steers, Bucket Calves, Lambs, and Goats. All species are allowed to weigh in during that time, except swine. Swine will begin weigh-in at 8 p.m. The alleyway will be set up from 8-9 p.m. on **July 29** to weigh in. Once the alleyway is set up, no other species will be allowed to weigh in. Please be ready to bring your animals to the scales during this time. No re-weighs will be allowed.

Animal Destination Form

If you bring a market animal to the fair, we need to know what you plan to do with that animal. Please fill out a destination form telling us if the animal is going home, sold on a base bid truck, or going through the livestock sale. Destination forms can be found at the weigh-in table, at the announcer's stand during shows, or in the fair office. We understand you may need to wait until after the shows to determine which animal to sell, but please have these forms filled out and turned in by **FRIDAY AT NOON**. Turn in to the superintendent, Will, or the fair office.

Vet Check

A reminder that when passing through the vet check

process on Tuesday, July 29, from 3:00-8:00 PM, it is the family's responsibility to assist the vet. If the 4-H member is old enough, it is expected that they will help handle the animal during inspection. Parents, please assist as needed to help keep the line moving as efficiently as possible. Be sure that animals are not covered by blankets, sheets, or wraps.

Animal Health

Now is the time to really focus on getting them ready for the fair and making sure they are happy and healthy. **MAKE SURE THEY ARE CASTRATED!**

Food Opportunities at Fair

Thanks to the generosity of Farm Bureau of Girard, Frontier Farm Credit, GN Bank, and Heartland Electric, there will be some options for exhibitors to make sure that they are fueled up and ready to present their projects at the Fair. Be sure to show your appreciation for their support.

Tuesday, July 29- The American Legion will be opening early for families during livestock check-in.

Wednesday, July 30- Frontier Farm Credit will be set up outside the Marvin Green Building with doughnuts and refreshments.

Wednesday, July 30- Farm Bureau of Girard will be providing hot dogs and popsicles at the Barnyard Olympics. Located at the livestock show arena.

Thursday, July 31- Farm Bureau of Girard will have their usual drink refreshments, and Heartland will be providing breakfast at the livestock show arena. GN Bank will be providing popsicles during the morning show.

Friday, August 1- The Farm Bureau of Girard will have their usual refreshments and doughnuts at the livestock show arena. GN Bank will be providing popsicles during the morning show.

Saturday, August 2- The Farm Bureau of Girard will have their usual refreshments and doughnuts at the livestock show arena. GN Bank will have a Watermelon Feed during the Livestock Sale.

State Livestock Nomination Information

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline is July 15. The Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entry Deadline is August 15.

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 books record keeping can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>.

Fair Camping

Each year, previous campers will be notified by mail of the procedure for reserving camping spots and the payment method by CCFA. After July 1st, any campsites not reserved will be open and can be reserved by contacting the CCFA.

Camping fees for the **2025** Crawford County Fair: **\$200** for all campers and trailers paid prior to noon on **July 27, 2025**, \$10 for primitive camping (no access to electricity)

Campers who have reserved their location by paying fees may enter the Fairgrounds after 8:00 A.M. on **Saturday, July 26, 2025**, and set up their camper. Electricity will be turned on **Sunday, July 27, 2025**. **Contact Mike Reese to reserve your spot.**

Hall of Champions at Fair

This year, there will be a new photographer to gather as many photos of Grand and Reserve Champions as possible. Full details to be announced at a later date. However, in the event you miss getting your photo taken for the Hall of Champions, please do the following.

1. Snap a photo of the youth and the project.
2. Email it to toehme@ksu.edu
3. Include name, award received, club, and age division.
4. Pick up your photo on the Sunday of the Fair.

Club in Good Standing

This year is new and must be turned in on October 1st. All clubs must be compliant and check all boxes when submitting. If you need assistance, please let me know.

Save the Date for 48 Hours of 4-H

October 11-12, 2025 Join us this fall to see how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project for the Kansas 4-H Service Challenge, 48 Hours of 4-H.

Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H Alums too!

Crawford County Fair Photography Contest- OPEN CLASS

Photos of the WPA buildings will be judged in the 2025 Crawford County Fair 8X10, mounted photos will be entered on July 30 by 12:00 noon in OPEN CLASS

Age categories and Prizes are as follows

Youth- up to 12 years	1 st \$75.00, 2 nd \$45.00
Advanced Youth- 13 to 18 years	1 st \$100.00 2 nd \$50.00
Adult- non professional	1 st \$150.00 2 nd \$75.00
Adult – Professional	1 st \$150.00 2 nd \$75.00

Prizes sponsored by Harrigan's Barn

Details of contest.

- The WPA (Work Projects Administration) was a government project in the 1930's. It hired young adults to work on community projects as a way to provide income and build communities. Some of the buildings built were the Fairgrounds Poultry Barn, Commercial Building, Open Class Building and 4H building. In recent years volunteers have been restoring those buildings and as a way to honor the completion of that project we created this contest.
- BUT in addition, there were other projects in Crawford County. This contest challenges exhibitors to research all of the projects in Crawford County and take photos of them. Select your 'best' photo and enter it in the contest. Contestants can enter as many photos as they wish.
- The photos will be judged and 1st and 2nd chosen in each of the categories.
- The Crawford County Museum will also be viewing photos to select some for display at the Museum during their WPA Special Exhibit.
- Entrants will grant permission for the photos to be displayed at the museum as well as other locations that will promote the Education of WPA

For further information on the contest contact Rachele Mengarelli at rachellem@ckt.net or 620-240-0689

WPA in Crawford County History Project

Crawford County Fair Association in collaboration with Crawford County Museum is hosting a special project for 2025.

Project Purpose:

Develop visual and educational information about WPA projects in Crawford County. These displays will be displayed at Crawford County Fair and relocated to Crawford County Museum for a Temporary Exhibit.

Project Guidelines:

Participants will research WPA projects completed in the 1930's in Crawford County.

Create a display board with educational information, not to exceed to 2 36x42 display boards.

Use of written word and photos will be accepted on the display.

Purpose of board is to educate public about WPA history in Crawford County.

Additional information. The display board can highlight one specific building project including past and current use, contribution to the community, or WPA in Crawford County in general. The history, purpose, the structures, the long-term contribution to the county.

Project can be done by an individual or a team/group project



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**All 4-H/FFA Entries will be made online at
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If you need assistance with your entries, please contact Will by July 10! Entries will close on **July 15th**

