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. You will find everything you need in order to be prepared for fair!

Sincerely,

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### Crawford County 4-H News

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KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION AND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Congratulations to all our Graduating Seniors
Spencer Jagels, Henry Philipp, Easton Renn
Ainsley Viets, Johanna Walker

Junior Leaders
Junior Leaders is open to all 4-H youth 13-18. The next Junior Leaders meeting will be on Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Council
The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, June 26 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.

Fair Entry Help Night
I will be offering a Fair Entry Help night on Monday, June 26th, 5:30 pm at the Extension Office. If you would like help or guidance through the process please bring your computer or iPad and I would be happy to help you. FairEntry opens on May 15 and closes on July 15.

Horse Ride Night
The Lucky Riders will be hosting ride nights at the fairgrounds beginning June 13 at 6:30 p.m. These will take place every Thursday. Please check the Lucky Riders Facebook page for cancelations.

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

Camps!

Discovery Days
Discovery Days are June 7-9 in Manhattan. Those who are signed up will be receiving an email in the coming weeks with transportation details.

Rock Springs Camp 2023
To learn more about the pricing, and schedule, and to sign up go to https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/

Greenbush Camp
Greenbush camp is June 5 & 6, 2023. This camp is for youth 7-8 years old. Parents I will be sending you more information via email closer to the time.

Floating on Leadership
Junior Leader’s date for Floating on leadership is June 20, 2023. I will be communicating with you closer to the time with the leave schedule.

Wildcat Challenge Day/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 others. 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 - 6 p.m. at Fredonia Old Iron Club. On this day, there will also be Family Consumer Science Competition and Photography Judging.

Crawford County 2023 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 on May 15 and will close on July 15.

Rabbit Project Meeting
There will be a meeting (and possible work day) for ALL interested parties concerning the finish work in the small animal barn on Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m. Please follow the “Restore the Four” FB page for updates. Rabbit project meeting Saturday, June 17, 9-11 a.m. at the Fairgrounds (small animal barn) this will be a joint meeting with the poultry project members as we will be going over BOTH rabbit and poultry showmanship skills. This is in
preparation for not only the individual showmanship classes but also the Round Robin showmanship class that has been added to the Fair classes this year.

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.

Poultry Project Meeting
We will be having a poultry project meeting on Saturday, June 17th. We will be joining the rabbit project meeting. They will start at 9 a.m. and we will be joining them at 10 a.m. We will go over things like: checking your animals before the fair, how to pick your animal for the fair, what information you need for your online entries, testing, showmanship, the auction (for market animals), what your role is during the fair, and what to do before leaving. We will have animals there as well. We hope you can make it. We are going to have a fun time!

Animal Tag/weigh-in days for MARKET BEEF, MARKET GOATS, MARKET SHEEP, MARKET SWINE, AND BUCKET CALVES ARE ALL COMPLETE! Now is the time that you really focus on getting them ready for the fair and making sure they are happy and healthy. MAKE SURE THEY ARE CASTRATED!

Record Books
Now is the time to begin thinking about record books. This year you will be able to do those online! Resources can be found for the forms here: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html Resources 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 many show fliers for all sorts of projects. You can visit https://www.asi.ks-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html to get a listing of these events.

Shooting Sports
Archery
2023 Crawford County 4-H Archery will begin Sunday, April 16, at 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 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
A message from Brian- “There will be a training for anyone interested in becoming a certified volunteer Level I teacher/club sponsor for the Western Heritage project. The two gentlemen that trained Brian at the Rock Springs 4-H camp are conducting a training at their range near Reading, KS (Lyon County) on JUNE 17-18 which is closer than Rock Springs 4-H camp (Junction City) using their super cool and very western shooting range. They have really worked hard on this range and it is a blast to shoot on. Therefore, if you are interested in becoming a Level I WH volunteer coordinator let me know, I have the information to get you signed up and I will be attending the training as a Level II instructor to help the guys who trained me so we can ride together if needed.

As you probably have read in several of my previous emails, the 4-H Western Heritage Project seeks to replicate and re-live frontier life from 1860-1900 including clothes, food, crafts, activities, dances, and of course period rifles, pistols, and shotguns. Half of the club activities are based on adopted personas and lifestyle activities while the other half is based on club developed and designed shooting events using the period firearms. The Crawford County club (instructed and guided by me) is developing personas, we had our first rifle
 Shoot last month, and learning about and shooting pistols is coming soon in May for a combined rifle/pistol shooting event, and then shotguns will be included perhaps in June.

So, if you want to start a Western Heritage Project club in your county (traveling to Crawford County seems like a lot of trouble), then step up and this is a great and unique opportunity to go through the Level I Instructor training course. Contact me at bacon4six@gmail.com, contact Will Morris at the CC 4-H office, or call/text me at 620-249-1088. All the best, Brian Sandford"

**Annual Pre-Fair BBQ**
Pre-Fair BBQ will be held July 30 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 meal, etc.

**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**
**August 2-5 2023**
Health papers are preferred for 4-H and Open but not required. All animals must pass through vet check. Market Animals must have county or state ear tags – Breeding Animals should have ear tags from you or seller. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CASTERATED!**

**BEEF:** Ear Tags & Vet Check

**SWINE:** Ear Tags & Vet Check

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

**SHEEP:** Ear Tags, Vet Check, & scrapies identification tags

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

**POULTRY:** Negative Pullorum-Typhoid Test. You must come to free testing day July 12th 4-6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds or show Will paperwork.

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

**DOG:** Must have dog immunization record signed by vet and a signed note from vet saying 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, August 1st – 3:00- 8:00 p.m.**

**4-H Weigh-in Tuesday August 1**
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 Breeding Doe Meat Goats will be weighed. The scales will be open the Tuesday August 1 of fair week at 3:00pm-8:00pm 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. August 1 to weigh in. Once the alley way 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. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED PRIOR TO FAIR.**
Animal Destination Form
If you bring a market animal to 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 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 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 fair office.

Fair Proposals
If you would like to make a proposal for the 2024 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.

Foods Rule
I just learned of a new rule that the state has made in regards to the foods project. This is in the online version of the fair book however, I learned of it too late to include it in the hard copy before sending it out. My understanding is that if you are using a store-bought frosting or filling you can just make a copy of the label and attach that to the entry. Please let me know if you have any questions. New Rule—For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. The calculation must be attached to the entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety.

State Livestock Nomination Due June 15
All small livestock and commercial heifer state nominations are due June 15. This includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats. Animals must be submitted online through ShoWorks by this date, as well as the completed and signed official DNA envelopes being postmarked back to the KSU YLP office. Families also need to submit a copy of their receipt showing the list of all animals and tag numbers that were entered in the system under each child for their family. Both state shows now have a breeding doe show. However, there is not a separate division for registered breeding does at either state show, so all meat goats must be nominated in order to be eligible to show. This year, families must submit the animals under each child within the family for all kids to be eligible to show the animal. All youth must also sign the DNA envelope for each animal. There is a red “auto-fill from previous” button that will allow animals already nominated under one child to quickly be added to other siblings. Each exhibitor must have their own account though and animals added to it as nomination entries. If you don’t have a receipt showing a specific tag number under a child, that animal has not been submitted online and the child will not be eligible to show it. Enter all animals under all kids in the system and have all kids sign the DNA envelopes to have the most flexibility with your family’s livestock projects for the state shows.
Families must also designate the market or commercial breeding division for each animal. New this year, females (gilts, ewes, does) can be dual nominated in both divisions. However, to see this option, they must be nominated under the market division and then the “Dual Nominate” checkbox slid to “Yes”.

The 2023 state livestock information is available from the KSU Youth Livestock Program website (www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs). No paper forms will be accepted this year; all nominations must be submitted online. Several resources are available to guide families in successfully completing their nominations, including the Rookie Guide and Zoom session recordings. Families must plan ahead. The general process includes these steps:

1) Exhibitors complete YQCA training and download certificates. Must be valid through 10/1/23 to be accepted.

2) Locate KSU Family Name & Nomination #.

3) Complete Declaration Form representing the entire family and all species that will be exhibited.

4) log in to ShoWorks account for the online nomination system.

Returning exhibitors – login to ShoWorks account using last year’s credentials.

New exhibitors – create a new account for each child who will be showing.

Online Nomination System Link (ShoWorks): https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/

5) Enter animal data and exhibitor information as “entries” through the online nomination system. This includes tag numbers, breeds, secondary ID for animals and uploading the two (2) required documents for each child:

Current YQCA certificate (valid through 10/1/23)
Declaration Form (representing the entire family)

6) Purchase official DNA envelopes in advance through the online system, under “3 – Items”. One (1) envelope/animal.

May skip ahead in the system to order DNA envelopes before entering animals, using the instructions below. If you choose this option, you MUST return to the link before June 15 to enter animals in the system. Only animals entered online (tag numbers, breeds, secondary ID, etc.) will be accepted.

7) Mail completed DNA envelopes and a copy of the online submission receipt (with a list of animals) by June 15 (postmark deadline).
*Send certified, or via a tracking method that provides a receipt as proof of mailing.

8) Nominations will be approved online by Extension Agents and FFA Advisors.

9) Review confirmation letter received after signed DNA envelopes are processed.

10) Enter Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS using entry links provided by each show. Exhibitors will use the account and password created for nominations to log in, enter, and pay fees for each show.

All families are encouraged to use the specie checklist as a guide to ensure their nominations are complete upon submission. This resource may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website.

There should NOT be a single exhibitor signature on DNA, or animals only entered under one kid online, unless there is only one child eligible to exhibit within the family. Once the first animal nomination is entered for each child, the system will prompt users to upload the child’s YQCA certificate and Declaration Form. Both forms must be uploaded at the same time. The system accepts PDF documents or image files. YQCA certification must be completed at the time of nomination. Once any form is uploaded, the system does not allow families to edit their forms.
Ear notches are also required for swine nominations and full scrapie tag numbers are required for sheep and meat goats. The scrapie tag number must include the Flock ID and individual animal number (example: KSS0035 16121). Nominations received without this information will be considered incomplete and returned to the family for completion. Resources on reading ear notches and submitting scrapie tag numbers are available on the website.

Confirmation letters will be sent to families once their DNA envelopes are received and nominations have been processed. The reports will be updated on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website 2-3 times/week until we reach the deadline, then more frequently after that. Families are encouraged to use one of these options to verify their nominations. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes (adhayes@ksu.edu; 785-532-1264).

REMINDER - A complete nomination does NOT constitute a show entry! The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive entries will be available after all nominations have been processed, approximately July 1. The link to enter will be available on the Grand Drive website will release entry information to agents and through its website later this summer. State Fair Grand Drive entries will be due July 15 and KJLS entries will be due August 15. Animals that are nominated, but do not follow the appropriate entry processes set forth by each show, will not be permitted to show. For nomination questions, please contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu. Questions regarding show rules or entries should be directed to each specific show (KSF Grand Drive 620-669-3623; KJLS 316-706-9750).

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/roper 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.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
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.**

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

**Vet Med ROCKS camps at K-State to showcase veterinary student experience with hands-on learning**
K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine is giving elementary, middle school, high school and college students an opportunity to experience "A Day in the Life of a Veterinary Student" at the 2023 Vet Med ROCKS summer camps.

**48 Hours of 4-H 2023**

We hope every Extension Unit will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too!

When: October 7-8, 2023
Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

It's time to make plans for your club to participate.

**Entomology Project Meeting**
County Fairs will soon be here! The next Entomology project meeting will be Saturday, June 10th at the Allen County Extension Office beginning at 1:30 p.m. Bring what you need to get ready for your County Fair. If you need to pin insects, bring your insects and pinning supplies. If you need to identify specimens, I will have the ID books there. If you need help arranging your specimens in the box, bring the box, the insects and your pinning board. If you need help getting labels on insects, bring your pinning board, insects and labels. Please bring a copy of the Entomology rules for your county from your Fairbook so we can be sure we meet all of the guidelines. If you have questions, please call me at (620)804-9170.
Market Animal Exhibit Check-list for the Crawford County Fair

1. Pick Out an Animal
2. Tagging Animals + Rate of Gain Contest
3. Fair Entry + Stall Reservation
4. Animal Care + Fair Preparation
   - Prioritize that animals are healthy and free from disease
5. Livestock Check-In + Weigh-In
6. Fair Time
   - Ensuring animals have food, water, and a clean pen
7. Day of the Show
   - Putting your best foot forward
8. The Livestock Sale
9. Stall Clean Up
10. Thank You Cards, Reflection + Record Books
Will Morris
4-H Youth Development
Wildcat Extension District
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All Entries will be made online at
crawfordcountyks.fairentry.com

If you need assistance with your entries, please contact Will! Entries will close on July 15th