



Crawford County 4-H News

June 2024

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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June 1	Horse ID Papers Due
June 5	Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
June 5-7	Discovery Days
June 10-11	Greenbush Overnight Camp Youth 7-9 Years
June 12	Floating on Leadership Youth 13-18 Years
June 15	State Animal Nominations Due & DNA Postmarked Commercial Heifer Nominations Due State Only Registered Breeding Heifer Papers in Exhibitors Name for State Registered Breeding Gilt Papers in Exhibitors Name for State
June 19	Greenbush Day Camp Youth 10-13 Years
June 18-20	Wildcat District Livestock Judging Camp
June 18-20	Sewing Camp at Extension Office
June 24	5:30PM Fair Entry Help Night 6:30PM Junior Leaders Meeting 7:30PM 4-H Council
June 25	Area Challenge Day in Emporia
June 27	Area Livestock Contest
July 1	Registered Breeding Ewe papers in Exhibitors Name for State
July 11	Deadline for Assistance with FairEntry
July 15	Fair Entry Deadline Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline
July 23	Junior Leaders Make Ice-Cream- 8:30am-1:00pm @ Fairgrounds Ice-Cream Stand Training 5:30pm @ Fairgrounds Pre-Fair Clean Up 6:00pm
July 25	Top Seller BBQ Ticket Counts Due to Office
July 27	Clothing Construction, Shopping in Style, Style Review
July 28	Visual Arts, Fiber Arts, Photography, Dog Show, Pre-Fair BBQ
July 30	Vet Check & Weigh in 3-8PM
July 31-August 3	FAIR!
August 5	State Fair Indoor Exhibit Entry Deadline

Congratulations to all our Graduating Seniors

Hanna Bailey, Cody Burns, Alex Carson, Tara forester, Bethany Herlocker, Adysin McCarley, Reece Merrell, Javen Murphy, Haley Phillips, Lane Pichler, Kara Pope, SaydeAna Renn, Piper Zimmerman

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

Enrollment Fee

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. **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

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!

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Connection**



District Wide and County Specific Calendars
Event Registration Links
Camp Information



Fair Entry Help Night

I will be offering a Fair Entry Help night on Monday, June 24 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.**

Junior Leaders

Junior Leader's next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, June 24 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.

Photography Project Meetings

Here is an opportunity that Southwind has shared with us. Photographers Jennifer Han, and Ken Kraxberger are joining with Susan Stich, 4-H Photo Action Team member, to bring Photography project meetings to Southwind District. Photography project meetings will be held on the following dates. June 11, 2024 Location to be determined, July 9, 2024 - Mounting fair photos. Parents are welcome to come and stay for the meetings. The location will be at 1202 W. Main in Chanute, KS at Zion Lutheran church unless otherwise noted. They will be held 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Any type of camera is okay to use, bring your cameras with you to each meeting. Please **RSVP** if you are coming for the first meeting. All photography project members are welcome to come to any of the meetings. Contact Susan Stich at home: at 620-431-6986 or cell: 620-212-2943 to RSVP or for more information

Rabbit Project

Rabbit project Meetings will begin at 9:00AM.
-Fairgrounds-6/8/24-Fair entries/classes also basic grooming and care, putting rabbit on the table and showmanship
-Fairgrounds-7/13/24-Finalize for fair Q&A-tattoos, supplies needed etc.
I hope you have a great upcoming 4-H year and please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any other

project members for questions. My e-mail address:
pagekristine@yahoo.com

Entomology Project Meeting

We will have an Entomology Project meeting on Saturday, June 8th at the Allen County Extension Office. We will have a split day. You can come for either session or both. From 9 to 11 a.m. we will work on identifying insects you have caught, repairing insects that need to be glued back together and going over insect photos if you need to. We will break for lunch. Then from 1 to 3 p.m. we will work on pinning, getting labels on insects and getting insects arranged in your display box. This will also be the final opportunity to finish your dragonflies. Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

Archery

2024 Crawford County 4-H Archery will begin Sunday, April 14, 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 14 & 21) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. Beginners MUST attend the range and safety orientation on April 14 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 28 at 3:00 pm. For more information email, text or call Dan Mosier II at danmosierii@gmail.com, 620-687-0643.

4-H Camps:

If you are signed up to attend a camp this summer further communication will be sent to you via email!

Crawford County 2024 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 May 15 and will close **July 15th**

Fair Book- This year thank you to some amazing volunteer help the book will have a new look. We have tried to condense and organize to make it as user friendly as possible. Remember it is your responsibility to read and stay up to date every year.

Schedule- This has been put in a chart format to help make it easier to follow.

General Rules- These have all been moved to the front of the book to help make it easier to follow and keep it organized in one place.

Projects- With the changing of project names and addition of new projects these have now been organized in the order that they take place during fair time. It will begin with Foods then go through the rest of the indoor projects with STEM at the end, then livestock, then open class.

Fair Proposals

The Fair Board September meeting was the last time to submit proposals for changes for the 2024 Crawford County Fair. Any future proposals that are made at 4-H Council or Fair Board will be considered for fair 2025.

Superintendent Vacancies 2025

Rocketry/Woodworking- The current superintendent will be stepping down after this year. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me or a fair board know. It would be great for you to shadow this year and take over the next.

Foods Superintendent- One of the current superintendents will be stepping down after this year. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me or a fair board know. It would be great for you to shadow this year, work with the other superintendent, and take over the next year working with the other foods superintendent.

Clothing Construction- The current superintendent will be stepping down after this year. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me or a fair board know. It would be great for you to shadow this year and take over the next. You will work alongside the Style Review/Buymanship Superintendent.

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>

Setting the Stage for a great Fair!

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

Attitudes-Positivity! This is what I will be expecting 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 an amazing 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 in the past is in the past and it is expected that everyone will do their best moving forward. I expect everyone as they prepare to enter any 4-H event to check their attitude at the door.

Relationships- Personal relationships are just that personal. There is no room 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- It is also expected that everyone has a little grace and understanding. NO ONE is perfect or is going to do things perfectly. Not everything is going to be done or addressed when and how you would like. Not every rule or policy is everyone going to agree with or like. 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 huge difference between the two and it starts 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. It is expected that you show respect to everyone even if you don't agree. You are not owed or guaranteed an explanation/justification for every decision/rule made but you must trust there was thought and reason put into every decision to try and keep a positive and safe environment for all youth. You must respect the fact that sometimes things have to be addressed/changed in 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 to always respond and not react. Allow yourself and others time to process through what is happening and address conflict in a calm, cool, and collected manner. Don't forget wherever you are there is likely a young person watching and learning from you so be sure to be a positive role model.

What's your why? - Not every family has the same goals and values when it comes to 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 what your family's why is, it is important 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- Lets all remember to have fun! There is so much time, energy, money, and resources that go into 4-H events/activities that if we all are not 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 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 to me rather than taking second had information. So, if we need to chat just call the office or send me an email and we can set up a time to do so.



Annual Pre-Fair BBQ

Pre-Fair BBQ will be held July 28 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

July 31- August 3 2024

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: Vet Check and health will be assessed by superintendent.

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, July 30 – 3:00- 8:00 p.m.

4-H Weigh-in **Tuesday July 30**

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 the Tuesday **July 30** 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. **July 30** 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.

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.

State Events

Save the Date 2024 48 Hours of 4-H

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 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! October 12-13, 2024



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