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## Crawford County 4-H News

June 2025

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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!

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| June 1         | <b>Horse ID Papers Due</b>                                                                                                                                              |
| June 2         | District Challenge Day in Fredonia                                                                                                                                      |
| June 3         | Area Livestock Contest in Iola                                                                                                                                          |
| June 5         | <b>Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes</b>                                                                                                                  |
| June 4-6       | Discovery Days in Manhattan                                                                                                                                             |
| June 9-10      | Greenbush Overnight Camp                                                                                                                                                |
| June 10-12     | Sewing Camp                                                                                                                                                             |
| June 12        | Area Challenge Day in Emporia                                                                                                                                           |
| June 14-15     | State Geology Field Trip                                                                                                                                                |
| June 15        | <b>Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat State Nominations Due</b>                                                                                             |
| June 17        | Floating on Leadership                                                                                                                                                  |
| June 18        | Greenbush Day Camp                                                                                                                                                      |
| June 23        | Fair Entry Help Night 6:00 PM<br>Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30 PM<br>4-H Council Meeting 7:30 PM                                                                          |
| June 30-July 2 | District Livestock Judging Camp                                                                                                                                         |
| July 1         | <b>Registered Breeding Ewe Papers in Exhibitors Name (State Fair/KJLS)</b>                                                                                              |
| July 10        | <b>Fair Entry Help Deadline is the last time to get help with making entries before the deadline.</b>                                                                   |
| July 15        | <b>Fair Entry Deadline</b><br><b>Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline</b>                                                                                       |
| July 15-17     | OSU Big 3 Livestock Judging Contest                                                                                                                                     |
| July 22        | Junior Leaders Make Ice-Cream- 8:30 AM-1:00 PM @ Fairgrounds<br>Ice-Cream Stand Training 5:45 PM @ Fairgrounds<br>Pre-Fair Clean-Up 6:00 PM                             |
| July 24        | <b>County Senior Scholarship Due</b><br><b>BBQ Ticket Count Due to be considered for top seller</b><br>Foods and Food Preservation Judging 4-7:00PM Reserve Time Online |

## Congratulations to all our Graduating Seniors

Micah Bean, Gary Coose III, Kendall Crager, Harper Davis, Cali Hensley, Tyrel Humble, Caroline Jagels, Brenden Knisley, Chase Murphy, Graci Murphy, Jordyn Oplotnik, Jade Peak, Kenneth Pope, Sylar Sammons, Avery Smith, Peyton Stephenson

### Where is Will?

The warmer weather means more events and activities are happening. Please know you are always welcome to pop in 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](mailto: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

### 4-H at your Fingertips

Coming to a phone near you: Wildcat 4-H Connection phone app! With our app, you will have access to 4-H Online quickly, as well as each county page, registration links, and our district calendar. This is a FREE app that scans the QR code. Check out the new Wildcat 4-H App!

#### Wildcat 4-H Connection



District Wide and County Specific Calendars  
Event Registration Links  
Camp Information



### Fair Entry Help Night

I will be offering a Fair Entry Help night on Monday, June 23 6:00 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.**

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 Bulah 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 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.

**Junior Leaders**

Junior Leader's next meeting will be on Monday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m.

**4-H Council**

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, June 23, 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 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Fair Proposals**

The September meeting of the Fair Board was the last time proposals for changes were submitted for the 2025 Crawford County Fair. Any future 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](mailto: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

-June 21<sup>st</sup>-Questions for the fair and getting ready to do fair entries (I will be available to tattoo rabbits that need them, or you can contact me to schedule at a different date)

-July 19<sup>th</sup>- 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 FB 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.

## Poultry Project Meeting

There will be a poultry project meeting at the extension office on June 22nd at 2:00 pm. They will go over general care, showmanship, fair sign-up, and any questions you may have. Do not bring your own animals, but feel free to bring pictures if you need help figuring out your breed.

## 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 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 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 to 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 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 30, 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 help handle the animal during inspection. Parents, please assist as needed to help keep the line moving as efficiently as possible.

### **Animal Health**

Now is the time that you really focus on getting them ready for the fair and makings 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! 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>.

### **State Livestock Nomination Information**

Nomination season is here! All forms and information about the process can be found online at the Kansas Youth Livestock Page. This is a reminder that this process requires hard deadlines to show livestock at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

### **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!

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