



Crawford County 4-H News

June 2026

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 the fair!

Sincerely,
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June 1	Horse ID Papers Due
June 2	Wildcat District Challenge Day in Fredonia
June 3-5	Discovery Days
June 8-9	Greenbush Overnight Camp Youth 7-9
June 9-10	Greenbush Overnight Camp Youth 10-13
June 12-14	State Geology Tour
June 15	State Small Livestock Nomination Deadline
June 16	Floating on Leadership
June 16-18	Sewing Camp
June 18	Beginning Livestock Judging Camp in Parsons
June 19-20	Insect Spectacular
June 22	Fair Entry Help Night 6:00 PM Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30 PM 4-H Council Meeting 7:30 PM
June 25	Area Challenge Day
June 29-July 1	District Livestock Judging Camp
July 2	Area Livestock Contest
July 13	Fair Entry Help Deadline is the last time to get help with making entries before the deadline.
July 15	Fair Entry Deadline
July 21	Junior Leaders Ice Cream Making and Barnyard Olympics Prep 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM Ice Cream Stand Training 5:45 PM Pre-Fair Clean Up 6-9 PM

Congratulations to all our Graduating Seniors

Caleb Humble, Sydney Jepson, Lyla Oehme, Kendyl Renn, David Schenker, and Adairrius Valley

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

Paying Program Fee

If you selected pay by check at the time of enrollment, please mail your check along with your child(s) name and Wildcat District-Crawford County to the address below. Remember, you will not be able to enter the fair until your account shows as paid.

Kansas State 4-H Office

201 Umberger Hall
1612 Claflin Rd
Manhattan, KS 66506

Junior Leaders

The Junior Leaders' next meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. Please note that each club must send two council representatives, one president, and two adult leaders to attend. If one cannot participate, they need to find an alternate to attend that meeting.

Wildcat District Livestock Judging Team

- 6/24 Beginning Judging Camp, SE Research Center, Parsons
- 6/29 - 7/1 District Jdg Camp SE Area Contest all ages

- 7/2 7/14 - 7/16 OSU Big 3 Field Days Stillwater, Ok
- 7/24 Labette County Contest, 10 am, Oswego
- 7/26 Montgomery County Contest, 10 am, Independence
- 7/31 Crawford County Contest, Noon, Girard
- 8/14 ISF Contest, Coffeyville
- 8/22 State 4H Contest, Manhattan

Shooting Sports

Archery

2026 Crawford County 4-H Archery will begin Sunday, April 12, 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 12 & 19**) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. Beginners **MUST** attend the range and safety orientation on **April 12** to participate in the program. If you cannot attend that meeting, please contact Dan about possible alternative arrangements. Equipment will be provided for beginners. PLEASE leave yours at home. The veteran archers and beginners will begin meeting on Sunday, **April 26, at 3:00 p.m.** For more information, email, text, or call Dan Mosier II at danmosierii@gmail.com, 620-687-0643.

Rabbit Project Meeting

At the small animal barn(fairgrounds)-9am
6/13- (handling rabbits, basics of rabbit showmanship/herdsmanship, fair entry questions, tattoo rabbits)

7/18- (last-minute questions/things for fair, tattoo rabbits)

I'm going to try and line up some guest speakers for various topics, so let me know what you would like to hear about, rabbits or the rabbit project I have created a FB page for members of the rabbit project 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 will need to ask to join. I will also send invitations to project members via email.

Meeting times/dates/locations/topics are subject to change, but plenty of notice will be given.

Entomology Project

Let's Get Ready for the County Fair!

Our goal at the June 6th Entomology project meeting will be to get your insect collections ready for the County Fair. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office, we will work on arranging the insects and placing them in the display box. Please bring your insect (hopefully with labels on them), your display box, Order labels, and box labels ready to put in your box. If you are still needing help with pinning, bring those supplies and insects. If you have not gotten the spreadsheet to make your labels on, bring a zip drive. This will be the last group meeting I will have before the County Fairs begin.

Plan for the Fair!

Crawford County 2026 Fair Book!

Below is the link to the website where you will find the 2026 Crawford County Fair Book. In the online version, all updates are 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 September meeting of the Fair Board was the last time proposals for changes were submitted for the 2026 Crawford County Fair. Any future proposals made at the 4-H Council or Fair Board will be considered for Fair 2027.

Pre-Fair BBQ Tickets

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 23. The BBQ is on Sunday, July 26, 5:30-7:00 PM at the Fairgrounds

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 2026 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 (Shopping in Style) Fashion Revue will start at 8:30 am, come ready!
 - Style revue for constructed garments will be at the same time as Buymanship and differentiated by different color score card.
 - 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**

- 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 29, at 11:00 am and 11:30 am; the full list is in the 2026 Fair Schedule.

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 a fun, safe, and positive experience for youth. 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 prepare for Fair activities. 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 everyone is expected to do their best moving forward. As they prepare to enter any 4-H event, I expect everyone 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 shows a little grace and understanding. NO ONE is perfect, and NO ONE is going to do things perfectly. Not everything will be done or

addressed when and how you would like. Not every rule or policy will be agreed with or liked by everyone. 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, 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 thought and reason went into every decision to help keep a positive, safe environment for all youth. You must respect the fact that sometimes things have to 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 to always 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 wherever you are, a young person is likely 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 your family's why, 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 own knowledge and skill development rather than 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 youth will carry 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 receive more accurate information from me rather than secondhand sources. So, if we need to chat, just call the office or email me, and we can set up a time to chat.

Record Books

Now is the time to begin thinking about record books. This year, you will be able to do those online! Resources for the forms can be found 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>

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 29- August 1, 2026

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 a 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 for inspection. 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 28 – 3:00- 7:30 p.m.

4-H Weigh-in **Tuesday, July 28**

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 28, during fair week, from 3:00 pm-7:30 pm for weighing** Market and Feeder Steers, Bucket Calves, Lambs, and Goats. All species are allowed to weigh in during that time, except swine. Weigh-in for swine begins at 8 p.m. The alleyway will be set up from 8-9 p.m. on **July 28** for weigh-ins. 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 28, from 3:00-7:30 PM**, it is the family's responsibility to assist the vet. If the

4-H member is old enough, they are expected to help handle the animal during inspection. Parents, please assist as needed to help keep the line moving as efficiently as possible. **DO NOT HAVE ANY BLANKETS, LEG WRAPS, COVERINGS, etc. at the time of weigh-in.** These should ALL be removed before getting in line for the vet check.

Animal Health

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!**

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 6, any campsites not reserved will be open and can be reserved by contacting the CCFA.

Camping fees for the **2026** Crawford County Fair: **\$200** for all campers and trailers paid prior to noon on **July 26, 2026**, \$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 25, 2026**, and set up their camper. Electricity will be turned on **Sunday, July 26, 2026**. **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.

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Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers, and more. In addition, the 2027 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected, and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

Objectives:

Broaden your understanding of leadership and the qualities of a leader.

Practice leadership skills you can apply in other settings, such as your local club, school, and community.

Improve interpersonal communication skills.

Gain confidence.

When: November 21-22, 2026

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Ranch

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2027?

Registration deadline: October 15, 2026

Save the date now! We will open workshop proposals in the next 6 weeks, and registration will open late this summer. Applications for the 2027 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council will open before Discovery Days and be due October 1, 2026.

48 Hours of 4-H

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!

When: October 10-11, 2026

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

Get this on your radar now! 48 Hours of 4-H Webpage

Project registration will open this summer!

Wanted! Farm or Ranch Family to Host Taiwan Teen in July

Kansas 4-H has been asked to host an enthusiastic 18-year-old boy who is eager to learn about agriculture as part of our exchange with Taiwan 4-

H. “Diego” has been working throughout his high school years to prepare for a career in agriculture or veterinary science. He’s requested a farm or ranch family for his exchange here and says he’ll be happy to work alongside his host family while he gains experience and an international perspective. His background is in a rural family where his grandparents are farmers and camps and an internship in veterinary medicine has prepared him for “learning by doing” in Kansas.

To host Diego, a family needs to have an older teen boy to serve as his host sibling. His delegation will arrive in Kansas City on June 30 and stay with the family until their departure on July 26, 2026. His host family will be able to share family and community Independence Day activities, and at many county fairs, there are easy opportunities to give exchange visitors special memories. The family members will learn about agriculture, 4-H, and life in Taiwan. Diego loves tennis and the outdoors.

If you can help us locate potential host families for Diego in eastern Kansas, please contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu. Other members of the Taiwan 4-H delegation have been placed with families in Miami, Brown, and Saline Counties. We will be seeking two-week hosts for a chaperone once we know who will be coming with the 4-H members from Taiwan. Single persons or families with no 4-H teens are eligible to host a chaperone. Notify Mary Kay of interest.



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