



Crawford County 4-H News

May 2022

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

We are starting to get back into the busy season so read the calendar carefully! This summer is full of activities. Be sure to read this newsletter carefully so not to miss out on any important information.

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT DATES

May 1	Deadline to enroll for new 4-H Members
May 1	Camp sign up deadline
May 1	Horse ID papers due to local office
May 1	Steer nomination deadline for State Fair and KJLS
May 14	Small Animal Weigh-In 8-10 a.m. @ Fairgrounds
June 1-3	Discovery Days
June 2-3	Tractor Safety
June 6-7	Greenbush Camp
June 8	Floating on Leadership
June 13	District Favorite Foods Contest 4-6:30pm Fredonia Extension Office
June 14-16	Sewing Camp
June 15	District Horse Show Entry Deadline Nomination Deadline for Kansas State Fair and KJLS
June 20-23	Kitchen Kids Camp at Greenbush
June 21	Area Challenge Day: Hort, Crops, FCS, Photo, Fav. Food Contest Emporia
June 23	Area Livestock Judging Contest @ Yates Center
June 27	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm 4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm
June 28	District Horse Show at Parsons State Hospital Arena
July 13	Poultry Testing 5-7pm at Fairgrounds
July 15	Fair Entry Deadline County Scholarship Deadline
July 26	Junior Leaders make Ice-Cream @ Fairgrounds 8:30am-1:00pm Ice-Cream Stand Training 5-6pm Pre-Fair Clean Up 6-9pm
July 28	BBQ Ticket Count Due to Office to be considered for award. Foods Judging

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!

Wildcat 4-H Connection



District Wide and County Specific Calendars
Event Registration Links
Camp Information



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.

Kansas State 4-H Office
201 Umberger Hall
1612 Claflin Road
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506

Remember that you will not be able to enter the Fair until this is paid.

Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders is open to all 4-H youth 13-18. The next Junior Leaders meeting will be on Monday, June 27th at 6:30 pm.

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, June 27th at 7:30 pm. 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.



Rock Springs Camp 2022

Rock Springs is going to be running an early bird discount on registration for 4-H member September 1st – November 1st. The State/Rock Springs will be sending you information soon. Prices and length of camp will vary please pay close attention to that. You can pick when you would like to go to camp. Wildcat is encouraging all youth to go to the first three-night session in June. However, you are welcome to attend any time that you would like. Rock Springs will be providing transportation to and from camp.

Go to <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/> for more information.

Greenbush Camp

Greenbush camp on June 6 & 7, 2022. This camp is for youth 7-8 years old. Sign-up materials can be found on our website. The deadline to sign up is **May 1st**. The cost is \$75.

Floating on Leadership

Junior Leaders date for Floating on leadership is June 8, 2022. Call the office to sign up today! Inclement weather date will be June 22nd. The cost is \$40.

Kitchen Kids Camp

The Wildcat District has partnered with Greenbush to offer a Kitchen Kids Camp. **This is open to 4th - 5th Grade youth June 20-21 and 6th - 8th Grade youth June 22-23.** This is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for both camps. Registration is through Greenbush.

Camp Scholarships

Camp scholarships are available through 4-H Council thanks to the generous donations in the community. These are limited to one per youth per year. To be eligible you must complete a talk or demonstration at County 4-H Club Days or participate in Favorite Foods Contest. The scholarship will be refunded up to \$100 upon the

youth's return from camp. This is a great way for youth to experience more youth development opportunities! Please call Will if you have any questions.

Crawford County 4-H Camp Scholarship opportunity!

Are you a Crawford County 4-H member and would love to attend a 4-H Camp/State 4-H Activity? Then we have an opportunity for you to help pay for that experience. You can get a scholarship for \$100. You must complete a minimum of 2 hours of community service at the Crawford County fairgrounds as well as a minimum of 2 hours of community service in the community that you live in. Service completed at the fairgrounds must be signed off by Will. Hours completed in the community must be signed off by a non-family member (4-H volunteer events count), and you must have submitted a record book from the previous year. Hours and the completed application must be completed and turned in by May 1st. Service hours must be completed between May 1 of the current year and prior to the deadline of the next year. Camp/activity registrations and fees must be paid in full. Scholarship will be awarded upon youths return from camp/activity. Application can be found on our website. **This scholarship is made possible by Carolyn Zagonel and the Americas Farmers Grow Communities Donation from Bayer Fund.**

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 other. 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 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Fredonia Extension office.

Horse ID Papers

Horse ID papers are required on **May 1st** for everyone participating in the horse project. Remember you must use the most updated form and

photos. You can ID as many horses as you would like but you can only bring 2 to the fair.

District Horse Show

District horse show will be June 28th. Location is set for the Parsons State Hospital. Anyone 9 years and older is welcome to compete at the district horse show. **Youth must complete the level 1 written and riding test before the show.** Cost for the test is \$10. Contact your local agent for study materials and test details. Entry Deadline is **June 15**.

4-H Horse Project Ride Night

If you are a 4-H member that is interested in learning and improving your horse skills, you are welcome to attend a ride night hosted by the Lucky Riders 4-H Club. All 4-H members are welcomed! These will be Friday nights starting in June at 7pm, at the fairgrounds weather and ground permitting. Contact the Lucky Riders; Etta Smith at 620-724-3476 for more information.

Shooting Sports

2022 Crawford County 4-H Archery will begin Sunday, April 10, 3:00 pm at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, Marvin Green Bldg. Then we will meet every Sunday with the exception of holidays (Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, etc.). The first 2 Sundays (April 10 & 24) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. Beginners **MUST** attend the range and safety orientation on April 10 to participate in the program. If you cannot make that meeting, please contact me about possibly making other arrangements. Equipment will be provided for the beginners, **PLEASE** leave yours at home. The veteran archers will begin meeting on Sunday, April 25 at 3:00 pm. For more information email, text or call Dan Mosier II at danmosierii@gmail.com, 620-687-0643.

4-H Judging Teams

Interested in being a part of Wildcat Judging Teams next year? Great! Now is the time to express interest in livestock, horse, horticulture, skill-a-thon, meats, and quiz bowl teams! If you are interested in joining one of these teams and practicing with them, please reach out and I will put you in direct contact with the volunteer coach for

the Wildcat District. Teams are not currently practicing, but we will get you on their contact lists for spring practices. Judging teams offer youth the opportunity to travel and interact with 4-H youth! Practices are not currently being held in Crawford County, but if youth start attending practices coaches have shown they are willing to move to more central locations or even in the county. We need parents and youth to make the first step and we will do everything we can to help!

Skill-a-thon tests a 4-H member's knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices. Typical topics are livestock equipment identification, livestock breed identification, retail meat cut identification, Hay and wool judging, quality assurance, and a quiz about the livestock industry.

Quiz Bowl contestants answer questions via a buzzer system on a wide array of questions that cover the beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat project areas.

Livestock Judging – rank pens of beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats based on the animal's production or reproduction qualities.

Wildlife Judging

If you are interested in wildlife judging practices are about to begin. Please contact our Diversified Ag agent Adaven at adaven@ksu.edu for more information.

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>

County 4-H Scholarship

If you are a graduating Senior don't forget to apply for the County Scholarship. The application can be found on our website and is due **July 15th**. Scholarship recipients will be announced during the Livestock Sale at the fair.

Livestock Tag/Weigh-In Days-

Small Animal Tag/weigh-in day for MARKET GOATS, MARKET SHEEP, MARKET SWINE, AND BUCKET CALF will be on **May 14th, 8:00-10:00** at the Fairgrounds. ALL MARKET GOATS, MARKET SHEEP, MARKET SWINE, AND BUCKET CALVES NEED TO BE TAGGED IN ON OR BEFORE THIS DAY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO BE SHOWN AT THE FAIR. If you are unable to attend this day you must contact me to set up a time for me to meet with you to tag your animals before May 14th. Do not wait until the last minute in order to ensure that your animals get tagged on time.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ANIMALS ARE CASTRATED!

Rabbit Project Meeting

July 17th at the Fairgrounds. The time is TBD. Open to all Crawford County rabbit project members and 4-H members-even if they haven't signed up for the rabbit project, but are thinking about it. It will be set up as a mini-workshop with the older Bone Creek project members demonstrating different aspects of the project; different breeds and categories (hobby/show and meat pens), and what to look for when purchasing your rabbit-breed standards, basic supplies, grooming-tattooing, clipping nails, etc. There will be several different breeds of rabbits available for demonstration and we will also be able to help members get in contact with breeders or help them when looking for a certain breed/breeder. Call the Extension Office to sign up.

Entomology Project Meeting

The next Entomology project meeting will be Saturday, May 14th at 1:30 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office. 4-Hers please bring 5 fun facts about insects to share with the group. Parents, please bring your laptop (need Microsoft Office on it) or a Zip Drive. We will get a spreadsheet set up for your child to create their Common Name and Date/Locality labels on.

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

Save the date! The popular Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular event will take place this summer, June 17-18 in Chanute, KS.

Poultry Owners

There is a confirmed case of avian influenza in Jasper County, MO, bordering Kansas. So, poultry owners within a 20-mile area of the Crawford/Cherokee/Missouri State Line intersection are asked to complete a short questionnaire by visiting

<https://fs22.forms.site.com/KansasDeptAg/z1b9fcr9oc/index.html>, email KDA.HPAI@ks.gov or call toll-free at 833-765-2006. **Also, Poultry testing is on July 12th, 5-7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.**

SPRING SHOW INFORMATION

Each year we receive lots of show fliers for all sorts of projects. You can visit <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html> to get a listing of these events.

Tractor Safety Training

Youth 14 and 15 years old, planning to do farm work for someone other than a parent or a legal guardian, must take a Tractor Safety Course according to the U.S. Department of Labor requirement. Only youth 14 years or older can become certified but any age youth are welcomed to attend. June 2nd & 3rd, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. K-State Southeast Research and Extension Center in Parsons, KS June 2nd will be the classroom portion and written test. June 3rd will be the driving test. Participants must pass both the written test and driving test to be certified. Cost: \$10 Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by May 20th by calling 620-331-2690

Crawford County 2022 Fair Book!

Below you will find the link to the website where you will find the 2022 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 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 Book: <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/crawford-county-fair/index.html>



Dear 4-H Families in Crawford County,

Hometown Girard newspaper is writing the introduction and feature articles for the Crawford County Fair catalog, as well as for the Fair editions of our newspaper.

This year's theme is "Generations." If you are willing, we are asking 4-H families to share their family history and stories – as related to the Fair. We would love to include some of your examples of family fair traditions.

Please feel free to write as you want and tell your family story. If you need some help getting started, we have provided some questions below to help get the ball rolling.

Submit your stories to Will Morris willmorris@ksu.edu or to publisher@hometowngirard.com.

Questions:

1. How many generations of your family have been involved in 4-H programs?
2. How many involved in the Crawford County Fair? (Include years)
3. Have you or any of your family members won awards at the Fair? What categories and awards were they?
4. What do you think is the best thing about 4-H at the Fair? The best thing about the Fair itself?
5. What are your family's favorite things about the Fair?
6. Do you have any family traditions at the Fair? Explain.
7. What is your most memorable event/time/thing that happened at the Fair?

Fair Entry will open up **Mid-May** and will close **July 15th.**

Fair Proposals

If you would like to make a proposal for the 2023 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.

Fair Entry Deadline

Crawford County Fair Entry Deadline is July 15th. When completing your entries that will also be your stall reservation for the fair. You can make your entries at crawfordcountyks.fairentry.com. Entries will open in mid-May.

Ice Cream Tubs

If you or someone that you know has Ice-Cream Tubs left from the fair, please be returning those to the Extension office. **Also, we are missing a silver ice cream cylinder if you have borrowed that please return it.**

Fair Livestock Costume Contest

The costume contest will begin at 5:00 pm on the Friday of the fair. This contest is open to all 4-H/FFA members. When creating your costume make sure that your animal's safety is in mind. This will be divided by age Junior 7-8 years, Intermediate 9-13 years, and Senior 14-18. There will be a \$5 entry fee for each exhibitor that you will turn in at the gate. Please sign up by noon, Friday, August 5th or by calling the extension office before the fair or stop by the Fair office the week of the fair. There will be prizes for each age division as well as a cash prize for the overall champion!

Fair Stall Reservation

Stall reservations for ALL livestock should be made with the Extension Office by July 15. 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.

Parents/Guardians

As we approach a busy summer I would like to share this with you all. I have been approached by parents, guardians, and other family members with claims about how things are done in 4-H or stories of situations that have taken place. Through these conversations, I learned that misinformation is being spread, and that I am often not made aware of the situation and allowed the chance to help resolve it. I ask of you as parents and guardians, please come talk to me first! My door is always open. Please know and remember that I will always do what is best for the youth. I work hard to ensure that proper channels and rules are being upheld, but I need your partnership and open communication. As with anything in life, I will continue to grow and learn in order to do the best that I can for 4-H members and help them have a great 4-H experience like I had.

Where is Will?

The warmer weather means more events and activities happening. Please know that you are

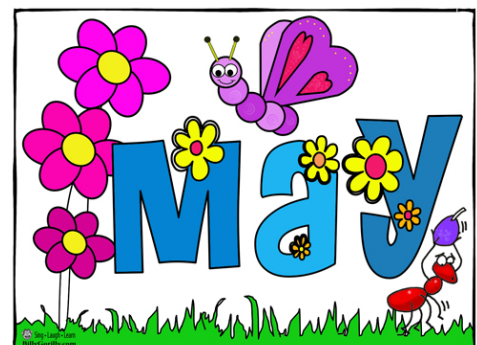
always welcome to pop in the office any time. However, in order to make the most of your time and to ensure I am not out at a program I would encourage you to email me or call the office before to set up a time with me. Email- willmorris@ksu.edu Phone- 620-724-8233

Project Leaders

Are you interested in becoming a project leader or interested in organizing a one-time meeting? I would love to work with you to get meetings planned for the 2022 year. It's never too early to get some dates on the calendar and start recruiting volunteers. Clubs if you are holding project meetings I encourage you to open them up to all members in Crawford County. If you need to limit the amount of youth we will do a sign up with a cut off number.

Volunteers

Volunteers must renew their certification every three years with a background check. As agents, we truly appreciate the time you spend with our youth. You are the reason 4-H works and we can teach our youth leadership, responsibility, good morals, and hands-on learning! We want to ensure our youth are safe and have the best environment around them to continue learning these things. You can help us by filling out the required paperwork. Then your certification will be good for another three years! Do you know someone that is good at cooking, sewing, rockets, Legos, etc. and would be a great volunteer to help 4-H youth? Have them contact the Extension office! We are always looking for volunteers. Being a 4-H volunteer does not mean you have to attend every monthly meeting. Maybe you only help with gardening project meetings twice a year!



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