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Crawford County 4-H News

November 2026

Dear 4-H members, parents, leaders, and friends,
Hope you all are enjoying this cooler weather! It is the time of year when we recognize those for their efforts last year and plan for the new. I am so proud of all of the youth and what they accomplished, and I cannot wait to see the goals for this year. You will find everything you need in order to be prepared for the rest of the fall!

Sincerely,
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Nov 7	Photography Project Meeting
Nov 10	Club Officer Work Night/Training 6 PM @ Extension Office
Nov 11	Office Closed
Nov 17	Competitive Teams Meeting @ K-State Research Center Parsons
Nov 20-22	Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)
Nov 26-27	Office Closed
Dec 24-31	Office closed
2027	
Jan 1	Office Closed
Jan 15	Regional Record Book Judging
Feb 6	4-H Club Day
Feb 7	Junior Leaders Pancake Feed
Feb 7-8	Citizenship in Action (CIA) in Topeka
Feb 20-21	Hors Panorama, Manhattan
Feb 20	Rocketry Camp at Cosmosphere, Hutchinson
Feb 27	Regional 4-H Club Day

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Enrollment

The 4-H Online system opens on October 1, 2026, for a new year. Step-by-step instructions can be found on our Crawford 4-H website or at http://v2.4honline.com/

Youth/Volunteer Enrollment

The new 4-H year is October 1st! Don't forget that all returning families have until January 31st, 2026, to re-enroll in 4-HOnline. All new families have until May 1st to enroll in 4-HOnline. All volunteers must renew their 4-HOnline.
http://v2.4honline.com/

Junior Leaders

Junior Leader's next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m. To make final preparation for the Pancake Feed. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be on Monday, February 22, 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 Wrap Up

Your checks are ready for pickup at the Extension Office, M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Don't forget to send out Thank You cards to all who sponsored awards and bought at the sale.

Fair Proposals

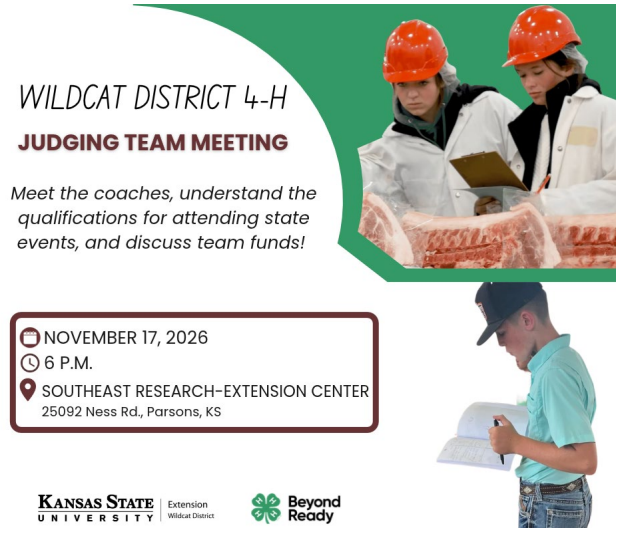
A complete document of all Fair proposals made at the 4-H Council and at the Fair board for the 2027 Fair was emailed to you. The 4-H Council and Fair Board will vote on these at their October meetings, and then the Collaboration Committee will meet. Once the committee meets in mid-October, I will send the results to you all. 4-H families, make sure you attend your meetings this month and next to provide feedback to your council reps. Once the committee meets, I will send the results, so you have them and are aware. If there is anything else that the Extension office or Fair Board has to update/change, I will do my best to communicate it to you all as soon and often as possible. Please remember that all State Fair updates to indoor projects and proposal changes will be in **RED** when the Fair Book is released. If you have any questions, please know that my door is always open, and I would be happy to talk with you.

Livestock Sale Buyers Checks

If you have not done so already, please pick up your check from your buyer as soon as possible. It reflects poorly on you and 4-H if your buyer has to track you down to give you your check. Remember that if they have a bad experience, they may not return as a buyer.

State Fair Exhibits

Items from the state fair can be picked up at the office M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.



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 interviews 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.

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. Resources for our online book record-keeping can be found here: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html.

Plan for the future!

4-H Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarships are available through the 4-H Council. These are limited to one per youth per year. To be eligible for this, you must complete a Talk/Demonstration at County 4-H Club Days or participate in the 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! There is also the scholarship from Carolyn Zagonel and America's Farmers Grow Communities donation. By completing this application, youth can receive a $100 scholarship toward a 4-H camp/activity. Please call Will if you have any questions.

4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day sign-up is now up and running! Please visit our website, where you will find guidelines, information, and the sign-up form. Club day will be on Saturday, February 6, at the Girard High School Cafeteria. Clubs remember that you must do a model meeting in order to be eligible for a purple seal at the end of the year

Crawford County Champions Photography Contest

Crawford County Fair 2027
Barns of Crawford County

The 2027 Fair will feature Barns of Crawford County for the Crawford County Champions contest.
Photos capturing Crawford County Barns will be displayed and judged at the 2027 fair. Categories will be Professional, Adult, Older Youth, and Youth. Cash prizes will be awarded, as well as Ribbons for the first and second in all categories. Submit an 8x10 or 8x12 mounted photo. No limit on the number of photos entered by the exhibitor. Special Category. **Barn for all Seasons.** This category will be the collection of photos of the same barn taken in Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer. This collection will show the barn through the changes of the seasons. Representing the strength and adaptability of our rural heritage. This category will be judged as a single class, including all ages and entry levels.
Our project will capture the barns that have served our county through generations. Note the location of your barn. We will ask for the address upon entry. Following the fair, the photos will be collected and compiled into a 'traveling show' for interested groups.
Entering your photo grants permission for its use in the traveling show by the organizers.
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