



Crawford County 4-H News

March 2025

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

We are returning to the busy season, so read the calendar carefully! If you have any questions about upcoming events or activities, please remember to reach out to me. 4-H members, if you or your club are doing something great, please remember to share it!

Sincerely,

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www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/



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Please make sure you are getting all of your fair checks cashed ASAP! Also, if you have not gotten your buyers checks picked up, please do so.

March 1	Junior Swine Producer Day, Manhattan State 4-H Scholarships Due
March 22	Junior Goat Producer Day, Manhattan
March 29	Beef Weigh-In 12:30-2:00PM @ Mesa Animal Clinic
April 1	Fair Book goes live online
April 14	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30PM 4-H Council Meeting 7:30PM
April 20	Last Day to order Beef DNA Envelopes (State Fair/KFLS Only)
April 26	Small Animal Weigh-In 8:00-10:00AM @ Fairgrounds
May 1	Camp Sign Up Deadline, Market Beef Nominations Due, New Family Enrollment Deadline
May 15	FairEntry Opens
June 1	Horse ID Papers Due
June 3	Area Livestock Contest in Iola
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	Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat State Nominations Due
June 17	Floating on Leadership
June 18	Greenbush Day Camp
June 23	Fair Entry Help Night 6:00 PM Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30 PM 4-H Council Meeting 7:30 PM
June 30-July 2	District Livestock Judging Camp

Enrollment

Youth/Volunteer Enrollment

The new 4-H year is **October 1st**! All new families have until **May 1st** to enroll in 4-HOnline. All volunteers must renew their 4-HOnline.

<http://v2.4honline.com/>

An enrollment fee has to be paid before you will be able to enter the Fair. Mail your checks to the address below.

Kansas State 4-H Office

201 Umberger Hall
1612 Claflin Road
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506

New Volunteers

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Will to learn more on how to become a certified 4-H volunteer.

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



Junior Leaders

Junior Leader's next meeting will be on Monday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. Remember, each club should have 2 council reps, 1 club president, and 2 adult

leaders attend. If one cannot attend, they need to find an alternate to fill in for that meeting.

Livestock Tag/Weigh-In-

Below is some information for the Livestock Tag/Weigh In for the 2025 Fair. Remember it is not required that you weigh in but it is required for all market animals and bucket calves to be tagged in either on or **BEFORE** the designated days listed below. If you cannot make the designated tag in days, then you need to make prior arrangements with me to set a time to tag your animals. No animals will be tagged after the designated tag in days. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OR YOU RISK NOT GETTING YOUR ANIMALS TAGGED IN ON TIME. LACK OF PLANNING ON YOUR PART DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN EMERGENCY FOR ME!**

Market Steer/Feeder Steers- The tag/weigh-in will be on Saturday, March 29, at Mesa Animal Clinic 518 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS 66743, **from 12:30-2:00 PM**. If you cannot attend, you must make prior arrangements with me to tag your animal, or it will not be eligible to show at the fair. The tags are \$4 each. Please bring cash or a check made out to the 4-H Council to pay for your tags. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OR YOU RISK NOT GETTING YOUR ANIMALS TAGGED IN ON TIME.**

Small Animals- Small Animals include Bucket Calves, Market Goats, Market Sheep, and Market Swine. This will be at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 26th, 8:00-10:00 am. The tags are \$3 each for goats, sheep, and swine. The tags are \$4 each for bucket calves. Please bring cash or a check made out to 4-H Council to pay for your tags. If you are unable to attend, you must make prior arrangements with me to tag your animal, or it will not be eligible to show at the fair. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OR YOU RISK NOT GETTING YOUR ANIMALS TAGGED IN ON TIME.** Breeding class animals do not have to be tagged;

however, I encourage you to tag them if something happens to your market class animal.

Superintendent Vacancies

If you or someone you know is interested, please let me know.

-Miscellaneous (Reading, Wildlife, Self-Determined...)

Fair Proposals

A complete document of this year's Fair proposal results for the 2025 Fair was emailed to you. 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 about anything, please know that my door is always open, and I would be happy to talk with you.

Western Heritage

Hello 4-H Families, the Western Heritage shooting sports project continues to meet about every 4-6 weeks depending on people's schedules. In our last meeting, Mr. Shoemaker (and Derrick and Abby) demonstrated Dutch oven cooking over the campfire. They made a delicious blackberry cobbler. Mr. Sandford showed everyone how to cut wood using both one and two person crosscut saws. Cutting firewood in the frontier days was a lot of work! Our shooting range continues to grow with a dedicated safety zone, many plate gong targets, a cowbell target that rings when you hit it, a prairie dog and several squirrel targets, and new shotgun targets--we even have the challenge of shooting and breaking shotgun sporting clays resting on top of a fence rail. We have friendly competitions for both number of hits and elapsed time. We would love to have more participants in this shooting sport and parents are always welcome to take part in any of the activities. In our next meeting on November 30th, we will have a guest to teach us about pistols and rifles that use black powder including going to the range to give them a try. If you are interested, please contact the 4-H office for more information call, text, or email Brian Sandford at 620-249-1088 or bacon4six@gmail.com.

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

-April 12th-Handling rabbits, basics of showmanship/herdsmanship

-May 17th-Meat breeds and meat pens

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

-July 19th-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'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.

I will be teaming up with the Labette County rabbit project leader and members for information exchanges and we may have a joint meeting at some point within the project year.

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

Archery

2025 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.

Entomology Project Meeting

Tips & Tricks for Making Posters, Tri-folds, Educational Displays, Etc.

Come join the fun and learn about making great visual displays. Saturday, March 8th at the Allen County Extension Office Meeting Room beginning at 1:00 p.m. It's not too early to start on displays for the County Fair! Learn time saving tips for making posters and tri-folds. Learn about making your displays stand out. This is open to all 4-H families. Please RSVP to Vicky Wallace at vicky.wallace55@gmail.com or (620)804-9170.

Wildcat District Livestock Judging Team Facebook Group

Parents, please use this QR code in order to join this private group. It will help you stay up to date on all of the latest happening.



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 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 scholarships from Carolyn Zagonel and Americas Farmers Grow Comminutes donation. By filling out this application, youth can receive a \$100 scholarship for a 4-H camp/activity. Please call Will if you have any questions.

Camp Dates 2025

Summer Camps and Events- Save the Date! Below is a list of all the camps being offered locally this summer. I will send out registration links when they are live typically around the first of March.

Remember that for some camps, space is limited and is first come, first serve. If you have any questions, please let me know. Don't forget that you can earn up to a \$100 scholarship toward camp by doing an individual talk/demo or favorite foods at 4-H Club Day.

Beginner Livestock Judging Camp- May 29 – This is open to anyone and is held in Fredonia.

Area Livestock Contest- June 3- This is a 1-day event that includes Meats Judging, Skill a Thon, and Livestock Judging in Iola.

Discovery Days- June 4-6 - College readiness camp at Kansas State University for 13-18-year-old youth.

Greenbush Overnight 4-H Camp- June 9-10 - This is an overnight camp for youth 7-9 years.

Sewing Camp- June 10-12- Youth 10 and Up. May not attend more than 2 years in a row. Takes place at the Extension Office.

Area Challenge Day- June 12- This event is located in Emporia and includes Horticulture, Crops, Family and Consumer Science, Favorite Foods, and Photography Judging.

Geology Field Trips- June 13-15 - These are state events that travel to different parts of the state each year.

Floating on Leadership- June 17 – This is a one day event for youth 13-18 years old. Youth must know how to swim in order to attend.

Greenbush Day Camp- June 18 – This camp is for youth 10-13 years old.

Livestock Judging Camp- June 30- July 2- This camp is open to all youth who are interested in learning more about judging livestock.

Rock Springs Camp is open to all youth who want to attend. Registration and more information can be found on their website

Yearly Calendar

There is a complete list of dates on the website for this year's dates and events. Please note that not all date.

Host Families Needed for International Delegates

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? States 4-H and Kansas 4-H has a great opportunity for families this summer to host a new international friend in your home this summer. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for families to host youth from Costa Rica: June 25 – July 19; Japan: July 21 – August 16; Norway: June 25 – July 19; and Taiwan: July 3 – August 2. Host families are needed to host an international boy or girl. The international youth will be between the ages of 12 - 18. Kansas 4-H's responsibility is to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-19 who are interested in a cultural exchange, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host siblings for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life.

Interested families can complete the application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to start the process. The Japanese Delegates' personal information forms arrive in February.

If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, (785) 826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu or Mary Kay Munson, State Coordinator Costa Rica, Norway, and Taiwan, mkm2@ksu.edu.



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