

Elk County 4-H News

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4-H Calendar of Events

November

4 4-H Achievement Banquet -- Grenola - 6:00 p.m.
5 Teen Leaders Meeting -- 5:30 p.m.
10 Holiday -- Office Closed
15 Livestock Judging Workshop -- 6:30 p.m.
18 - 19 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum -- Rock Springs
23 - 24 Holiday -- Office Closed

December

1 Enrollment Deadline for Exhibiting at County Fair & Club Treasury Review Form Due
2 The Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest -- Tonganoxie
3 4-H Officers Training and Christmas Party -- 3:00 p.m. - West Elk School
8 Hutchinson Community College Winter Classic Judging Contest -- Lyons
13 4-H Council -- 6:30 p.m.

January

19 Southeast Area Records Screening -- Fredonia

February

18 Market Beef Spring Weigh In and Tag Day (150 days prior to Fair)

March

2 KSU Jr Beef Producer Day -- Manhattan
16 KSU Jr Sheep Producer Day -- Manhattan
23 Regional 4-H Club Day -- Madison

April

26 & 27 Small Animal Spring Weigh In and Tag Day (82 or 81 days prior to Fair)

July

17 - 20 Elk County 4-H Fair -- Longton

4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year began October 1. **ELK COUNTY MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED BY DECEMBER 1 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE 2024 COUNTY FAIR.** You will still have until May 1 to drop or add projects but you need to be enrolled by the DECEMBER 1 deadline in order to be eligible to exhibit at the 2024 County Fair.

Link to 4HOnline and other resources for enrolling: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html>

Project selection notes: Kansas 4-H has renamed some of the projects. Included in last month's newsletter was a page listing all of the projects that members may choose. For Elk County, I have added Breeding and Market subcategories of Meat Goat, Beef, Sheep and Swine. I have also added a subcategory of Bucket Calf under Beef. Junk in a Bucket is not a project that you enroll in through 4HOnline.

Achievement Banquet

We're Rolling Out The Red Carpet for the Elk County 4-H Achievement Banquet on Saturday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. at the Grenola Community Building. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. followed by the awards ceremony. Responsibilities for the evening are:

Master of Ceremonies -- Elizabeth Woods and Rachel Humphrey

Flag Salute/4-H Pledge -- Peyton Fechter

Thank you to Supporters -- Emma Arbuckle

Help hand out awards -- Peyton Fechter, Miles Stewart

Moline Shining Star -- Salad Mix and Dressings

Flint Hill Boosters -- Bread, Cheese and other items for the Salads

Extension Office -- Paper products, plates, etc.

Plan for 125 people.

Elizabeth Woods - get two gift cards (Toot's) for Best Dressed winners.

Teen Leaders Meeting

Sunday, November 5 -- 5:30 p.m.
Extension Meeting Room

All 4-Hers 13 and older are welcome to attend. There will be lots of food, fun and fellowship. We need to discuss plans for the new 4-H year, elect officers, and make plans for the County Christmas Party in December.

4-H Officers Training and Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3, 3:00 p.m. for County Officers Training, Meeting Exchange and County Christmas Party. Event will be at West Elk School

This will be a fun event for the whole county to come together for a Christmas Party with a gift exchange, games, and for officers training. More details and specifics will be provided closer to the date and at your November 4-H club meetings.

Set Personal Goals in Your Record Book

Goal setting and planning should be a part of everyone's 4-H experience. If you haven't set goals, now is a great time to start, as we just began the 2023-2024 4-H year.

By setting goals for the new year you position yourself to succeed. Look ahead and plan what events you want to attend, projects you want to complete, activities you want to lead or participate in, and what awards you want to receive next year.

Goal setting is important for youth to key in on certain events for the year. It helps build confidence

and most importantly allows our youth to learn and grow. By setting goals at the beginning of the year, youth can reflect back occasionally to see how far they've come. Reflecting provides the opportunity for our youth to self reflect in a positive way. They can see what they have accomplished, how they accomplished it, and if there is a better or more efficient way they could do it in the future.



Start setting goals for your pin applications, key award, premium sale requirements, and for your 2023-2024 4-H projects.



Livestock Judging Workshop

Wednesday, November 15
6:30 p.m.

Extension Meeting Room

Kansas 4-H/FFA Enrollment

There is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Kansas 4-H and Kansas FFA. If youth are considering joining one or the other, please look over the MOU and take it into consideration in choosing projects that may overlap between the two organizations. Projects might include livestock, horse, rabbit, poultry, crops and agricultural mechanics.

4-H Youth Development and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Both programs exist to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may

participate in both 4-H and FFA but shall avoid duplication. Therefore, the following principles are required to be used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas as we strive to educate youth.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.

2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they shall plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.

3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA; however, participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.

4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.

5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations should be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.

6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The above principles are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.



4-H Council

The next 4-H Council meeting will be **Wednesday, December 13 at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard at 6:30 p.m.**

The agenda items include:

- ✿ 4-H Club Day
- ✿ Steak Supper and/or Fundraisers
- ✿ Excellence in Project Achievement Awards and other Record Book stuff
- ✿ Fair Awards
- ✿ Other New Business

Reorganization Time for Clubs

As the new 4-H year starts, the officers & leaders are busy getting everything reorganized for the year. Some things to remember are:

Club Program Books: The books or whatever your club uses are very helpful to your 4-H families. Try to get the year's programs planned early so the families will have them. Be sure that each 4-H'er has time at least once, to present a talk or demonstration. Once you complete your club program book, please bring a copy to the Extension Office for our records.

A couple of suggestions for clubs: First, have a chairperson for each committee, not just a list of committee members. Second, when determining your monthly program and hosts; it may be a good idea not to have the family or families that are giving talks to serve as hostess as well.

Club Goals: A good time to set goals is as you fill out program books.

Parent's Committee: This committee within the club helps support the community club leaders. They assist in getting project leaders, help committees and recruit community leaders when needed. They also help the community leaders with some of the problems and decisions that may arise in the club. The committee may be made up of

adults who are parents of members, former leaders, interested adults in the community or a combination of these people. Clubs are strongly encouraged to form and use parent's committees.

Club By-Laws

The constitution and bylaws of your club should be reviewed annually. A suggestion would be to include reading the constitution and bylaws at the October or November 4-H club meeting. Upon the conclusion of the reading members are encouraged to sign the constitution and bylaws, indicating their approval. If changes are made; send a copy to the local Extension Office.

Welcoming New 4-H Families

Make a special effort to welcome all new 4-H members and their families. Try to involve them in club activities--not just at the first meeting, but throughout the year. Here are some suggestions for doing that.

Explain the sometimes confusing 4-H terms to new families. Don't assume they understand.

Form a buddy system by having older 4-H'ers help new 4-H members with meetings, records, and 4-H events.

Advise new families of deadlines. Explain the major events that happen in 4-H such as 4-H Club Day, fair, awards program, record books, etc.

Have other adults or 4-H'ers sit with new 4-H families. Involve them in conversations and explain what is happening in the meetings.

Have a parent's meeting during recreation or before or after the 4-H meeting. Be sure to brief all parents about plans for the year and the important skills we are trying to teach our youth.

Let new 4-H families participate at their own pace. Involve them in club activities, but allow them to participate at a level that is comfortable to them.

Be aware of special family circumstances and be flexible. All families are an important part of our 4-H program.

Traits of a Strong Club

Listed are some traits of a strong 4-H club. Can you answer yes to each statement for your club?

- ✓ Fun for members!!
- ✓ Growing
- ✓ Doing things
- ✓ Strong leadership
(Adult and youth)
- ✓ Visible in the community.
- ✓ New members (and their families)
welcomed and supported.
- ✓ Members receive recognition for many
accomplishments.
- ✓ Members participate in beyond the club
level activities, events and training.
- ✓ High percentage attendance at meetings,
activities, and events.
- ✓ Family involvement
- ✓ Lots of parents at the meetings & activities.
- ✓ Good relationship with the Extension Office.
- ✓ Fair to all
- ✓ Good communication
- ✓ Meetings belong to members.
- ✓ Standard meeting times and places.
- ✓ Club officers run the club meetings.

Club Finances and Monies

Questions regarding club finances are frequently asked of the Extension Office. There are five basic principles that exist to assist with management of non-appropriated funds. First, what is non-appropriated? Non-appropriated funds are described as, "Any funds, outside of appropriated tax dollars, collected by groups for educational purposes, examples include fees, registrations, etc."

The five principles to manage these funds include:

1. Extension Boards are accountable for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs under their jurisdiction - which includes 4-H.
2. All accounts should require at least two signatures for withdrawals.
3. All funds should be receipted each time they change hands.
4. All 4-H clubs/groups must have their own Employer Identification Number from the IRS. Personal Social Security Numbers are not to be used.

Club Treasury Health

Club finances are a necessary resource for a successful 4-H club. How is your club doing with money? Check out the survey below for help. If you need additional financial resources, contact the Extension Office.

- Prepare a yearly budget with club finance committee, Leaders and Treasurer.
- Only spend money with club approval.
- Keep club money & personal money separate.
- Treasurer's record is accurate & up to date.
- Funds are deposited into the bank ASAP.
- Bills are promptly paid as directed & approved by the club.
- Bills should only be paid by check.
- Receipts must be collected for bills, before they are paid.
- A monthly Treasurer's report is prepared for each meeting.
- Reconcile the account against the bank statement each month.
- All checks have two signatures before sending.

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