# Elk County 4-H News

## April 2023

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## 4-H Calendar of Events

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Regional 4-H Club Day Results

Results from Regional 4-H Club Day for Elk County 4-H’ers are as follows:

- Sr Interview - Wyatt Fechter - Red
- Reading - Allison Stewart - Blue
- Novelty - Noah Cucar/Jaycee Griesel/Kyzer Kraft - Blue
- Skit/One Act Play - Grenola Jayhawkers - Top Blue
- Dance Routines - Rachel & Leah Humphrey - Blue
- Jr Instrumental Solo - Jayton Bogdahn - Blue
- Sr Instrumental Solo - Rachel Humphrey - Blue
- Project Talks - Noah Cucar - Blue; Kash Bidwell - Blue
- Jr Demo/Illustrated Talks - Jaxson Bogdahn - Blue; Ryatt Griesel - Blue
- Sr Demo/Illustrated Talks - Rachel Humphrey - Blue
- Public Speaking - Peyton Fechter - Alternate Top Blue
- Model Meeting - Flint Hill Boosters - Red
- Gavel Games - Anna Hendricks, Rachel Hendricks, Wyatt Fechter, Peyton Fechter - Top Blue

If you have not picked up your score sheet(s) and ribbon(s), they are at the Extension Office.

4-H Council

4-H Council will meet Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Meeting Room. 4-H Council representatives bring input from your clubs.

Insect Art Contest

The Kansas State Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her’s and art students as well as adults. This year the artwork needs to fit into the contest theme of “Insect Superheros”. The goal is to explore why real life insects can be considered superheroes. Selected artwork will be used to create educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. We will select a winner from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries. Categories are as follows:

1. Kindergarten – 2nd grade (1st -3rd place)
2. 3rd grade – 5th grade (1st -3rd place)
3. 6th grade – 8th grade (1st -3rd place)
4. High School (1st -3rd place)
5. Adult (1st- 3rd place)

Categories

1. Illustrates a real life insect superhero
2. Illustrates a fictional insect superhero
3. 3-D (pottery, stained glass, or other medias)

Rules:

- Only one artwork per student/adult per category.
- A COMPLETED entry form must accompany all entries.
- Drawing must be on flat paper. It’s not that we want to limit the creativity, but protruding parts will create challenges to get the artwork on the intended media. The exception is if you are entering a 3-D category.
- Entries must be the original work of the entrant – no traced or copyright protected images.
- Individual drawings and paintings must not be larger than “8.5 x 11”. Original entries will not be returned, but if you want to keep the original then a jpeg or pdf of the image can be submitted. Just make sure that the image is clear.
- Entries must feature an insect as the central point of focus that fits into the theme.
- The title, artist’s name, 4-H club or school, grade and county must appear on the back lower right corner of the art. (You can cut out and use the label provided on the entry form.)

Submission deadlines:

Entries should be postmarked by April 14, 2023. Mail entries to: Frannie Miller
State Wide Photography Workshop

The Picture Perfect Youth Leaders of Shawnee County have designed a hands-on photography workshop around a theme of Starry Night - Glimpse Beyond the Camera Lens. The workshop offers NEW exciting youth and professionally-led sessions. We kick-off with a keynote photographer, Aurora Dora Redman. She captures the Great Northern Lights. Following the keynote, there are a variety of course options that take us into sundown to practice and capture night techniques. The event is April 16th at Rock Springs Ranch (south of Junction City) and includes dinner for registrants. The Picture Perfect Team is grateful to a 4-H Foundation Donor who is helping support the event!

Check out our Workshop Website for more information or REGISTER NOW to secure your spot as there is limited capacity.

Registration Fees for the Sunday, April 16th 3:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. event are:

- $15 for first participating youth or adult
- $12 each for second through fifth participant in your group
- $10 each for Pizza-only registrants

Your registration includes admission to the sessions, pizza, and a post event photo contest.

Register and pay by March 30.

Changes to the Kansas 4-H Horse Project for 2023

The Kansas 4-H Horse Project released changes for the 2023 program year. Complete information is available at https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/index.html.

Beginning with the 2023 4-H Program Year, Kansas 4-H Horse Project Members who are currently enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project are eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show if:

The horse is properly identified for the Kansas 4-H Horse Project either by a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-Her's or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, or b) identifying with a Kansas 4-H Horse ID Form signed by the local extension agent by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. The 4-H member must have a copy of the 4-H Horse ID form signed by the local agent or a copy of the horse’s registration papers on file with their local extension office by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. Exhibit a properly identified horse at a horse show in a class group and be qualified to exhibit in any class included in that group. The horse show need not be a “4-H” show. Shows may include: open shows, circuits, local associations (SCSHA, etc), breed/discipline associations (AQHA, APHA, NRHA etc.).

Qualification for each group is based on one horse/rider combination. Exception: If a 4-Her qualifies more than one mare/gelding in the same halter class. In this case, another 4-Her can show the second horse in the appropriate halter class at the State Fair.

Group 1 Halter, Showmanship


Group 3 Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail
Group 4 Ranch Rail, Ranch Pattern, Ranch Trail, Reining

Group 5 Barrels, Poles, Flags

Complete the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar Safety Episode with quiz annually before completing the State Fair Entry. Complete online entry information for the Kansas State 4-H Horse Show via ShoWorks by August 1 of the current program year.

Exhibitors will be limited to entering only those classes in which they qualified for a particular horse.

Exhibitors should be prepared to show proof of exhibition via signed affidavit by show management.

The qualification period will be from October 1-August 1 of the current 4-H program year.

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2023 Elk County Fair Horse Show

Horse project members need to turn in Horse ID’s by June 1 on horses they want to show at the county fair and/or Kansas State Fair. Here is a link to the Horse ID form that is to be used. [https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/livestock/livestockdocuments/Horse%20ID%202023.pdf](https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/livestock/livestockdocuments/Horse%20ID%202023.pdf)

After a few years of having a horse show with Chautauqua County, this year we will be returning to having a Horse Show in Elk County. Show will be Monday, July 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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YQCA Certification

One of the requirements for those who plan to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS is that ALL exhibitors are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification to be eligible for either show in 2023.

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FOR ELK COUNTY MEMBERS: Each 4-H/FFA member that wishes to sell animal(s) in the livestock premium sale at the county fair must complete YQCA certification training before July 1. Members may complete an online course or attend a face-to-face training. Once you complete a training, members will receive a certification number. That information will need to be forwarded to Stephanie Bogdahn.

There will be one more face-to-face YQCA training opportunity in Sedan. The registration fee of $3.00 is due online when you register. **To attend this training, you need to register online BEFORE THE TRAINING.**

April 26 -- Sedan; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Hog/Sheep/Goat Weigh In and Tag Day

The Howard Fairgrounds will be the site of this year’s Hog, Lamb and Goat tag and weigh-in. All hogs, lambs and goats must be weighed and tagged in order to be shown and sold at the county fair.

This year you will have two opportunities to weigh and tag your animals. **Animals can be weighed & tagged Friday, April 21 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 22 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

Members may weigh and tag a maximum of 6 market animals per species. However, you may only show two of each species at the fair. Tags are $4/head.

As has been for several years now, animals will be tagged and nominated under a family name if more than one 4-H’er is in the immediate family. Family members must reside in the same household.

**This year, families need to designate which animals that are tagged are breeding animals and which are market.**
Registered breeding animals must be tagged on April 21 or 22 or have registration papers by this date.

When selecting your hog, lamb or goat, keep in mind there will be no rate of gain requirements for all species to be eligible for the premium sale. Also, the only weight requirement is a minimum weight for each species. Those are as follows:

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Even though there is not a rate of gain requirement for each species, an award for the highest rate of gain will be presented at the fair for each species.

Weight projection charts are available for each species on the Rolling Prairie website at http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/livestock/index.html

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**State Livestock Nominations**

The 2023 information for state livestock nominations has been released. The process transitioned to an online system in 2022, so there are no longer physical forms for families to complete and mail. Families will purchase DNA envelopes in advance, submit their animal and exhibitor information online, then mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations online. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2022) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the Youth Livestock Program for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account.

All market animals and commercial females that youth would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS must be nominated.

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**Drop/Add Project Deadline**

Even though you needed to be enrolled by December 1 to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair, you have until May 1 to make changes in your projects. You can do this through 4HOnline or call the Extension Office and we can do it for you. If you are trying to do this in 4HOnline, after May 1 it will not allow you to make any changes.

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**Bucket Calves**

Dairy cattle/goats and bucket calves need to be tagged and recorded with the Extension Office by May 1 of the current year. Tags are available at the Extension Office and cost is $2.00. Pickup a tag at the Extension Office.

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**Spring Shows, Sales, Judging and Other Contests**

Many of these events are starting to occur and the Extension Office is receiving information about these. I am including on the Rolling Prairie website a list of these as I receive them. Here is the link to these: [http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/springshows/index.html](http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/springshows/index.html) or another location to look at is: [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/spring-shows/springshows.html](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/spring-shows/springshows.html)

These events are listed FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY! No endorsement of any event
is intended. For more information about any of these, contact the Extension Office. Some of these have a pre-registration deadline, so do not wait until the last minute to inquire about a contest or event. Check back often as list will be updated when notices are received at the office.

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National Volunteer Week -- April 16-22!!
This week-long celebration is about placing a spotlight on inspiring figures whose invaluable seeds of kindness through volunteering are bettering the community and our world in general. This significant celebration which was established in 1974 provides the perfect opportunity to say thank you. Without all the wonderful volunteers we have in Elk County 4-H, we could not do the things we do. Thank a volunteer today!!

What’s Happening at Rock Springs Ranch

(4-H Camp Promotional Article courtesy of Rock Springs Ranch)

We have a lot of exciting things happening at Rock Springs Ranch! Below are several of our programs with additional information. Our staff is available to answer any questions you may have.

Camp Registration
Each family registers directly with Rock Springs Ranch. If someone has questions about the sessions or camp experience, it is best for them to contact Rock Springs Ranch staff directly at 785-257-3221 or campregistrar@rockspringsranch.org.

Counselors in Training (CIT)
This week-long program is for high school students ages 16-17 that aspire to be dynamic leaders and mentors to younger youth. 4-H is known for its ability to foster mentorship experiences among youth and adults. C.I.T.’s will learn alongside a trained adult counselor who is leading a camp group of 8-10 youth. This program is designed to allow young people the opportunity to provide leadership to younger campers while also establishing their own community and camp experiences, all with the mentorship and supervision of professional youth development staff.

Leaders in Training (LIT)
LIT is a week-long program designed for young men and women who have a drive to learn leadership skills. Through a series of group discussions, team building, initiatives, and challenge course participation we explore each camper’s inner potential and leadership abilities. During their week LITs will also spend time devoted to “Larger Service.” Service projects teach the importance of sharing your talents and generosity with others to show caring for your community, country, and world. LITs will gain documented community service within the local Junction City & Manhattan communities as well as around Rock Springs Ranch. This program is a great way for teens to level up their camp experience!

Family Camp
Treat your family to a weekend getaway at Rock Springs Ranch. It is a time to be outdoors, spend quality time together, and experience all the fun camp has to offer as a family! Activities are subject to change but often include: zipline, archery, canoes, horses, stream study, shooting sports, climbing wall, swimming, arts & crafts, and more. Learn more online at https://rockspringsranch.org/family-camp-weekend/

4-H Camp Open House
Save the date for the 4-H camp open house! On April 23 from 1-4 p.m., our team will welcome campers and their families to see the facilities at Rock Springs Ranch. Light refreshments will be served. Follow us on social media for updates!

Summer Staff
Rock Springs Ranch is seeking camp counselors! If you know someone who likes spending time outside and working with youth, RSR may be a great fit. We hire approximately 60 staff each summer in a variety of roles from counselor, activity specialist, and leadership roles. For more information, visit https://rockspringsranch.org/seasonal-employment/
Chautauqua County 4-H Spring Livestock Shows

Beef Show
April 22, 2023
11:00 am
Chautauqua County Fairgrounds – Sedan, KS

Small Animal Show
May 6, 2023
9:00 am
Chautauqua County Fairgrounds – Sedan, KS

Weigh-in & registration 30 minutes prior to each show.
Open only to youth in Chautauqua & Elk Counties.
For more information contact the Extension Office at (620)725-5890.
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