Elk County 4-H News

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4-H Calendar of Events

For the most up to date list of events, go to the Rolling Prairie/Elk County 4-H website.

April

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K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy Applications Due

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4-H Council -- 6:30 p.m.

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FSCC Livestock Judging - Fort Scott

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Show Clinic -- Moline

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Teen Leaders -- 4:00 p.m.

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Discovery Days Registration Deadline

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Small Animal Market Weigh In -- Longton

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Elk County Health Fair -- Howard

May

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KSF/KJLS Market Beef Nominations Due

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Project Drop/Add Deadline

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Horse ID’s Due

8
Camp Registration & Counselor Applications Due

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Favorite Food Show Entries Due

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Favorite Food Show

Discovery Days

Discovery Days registration has opened. Go to http://www.Kansas4-H.org. Click on conferences and events - Discovery Days. Discovery Days is for members age 13 - 18 as of January 1, 2018. Dates are May 29 - June 1 at Kansas State University. Registration will close on April 16 at midnight. Be sure to register early to get the classes you want. Cost is $235. Some classes have additional fees to pay for supplies.

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 $1.00.
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)

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.

If you are interested in club lamb, hog and/or goat sales, the March 7 issue of Farm Talk had many sales and breeder information listed in a special edition.

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K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Applications for the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy are now available. The academy is June 6 – 9 at Manhattan. Below is information about the program. For more information or the application go to: [http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/)

High school youth from across the nation are invited to apply for the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy hosted by the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The four-day session will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas’ diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant’s leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process. The academy will welcome students to the Department of Animal Sciences at K-State and provide on-campus housing. Students will receive interactive leadership training at Weber Hall and tour K-State Animal Science Facilities. The program will also allow students the opportunity to tour businesses and organizations within Kansas’ livestock industry. Students will complete their experience with a team presentation competition on a current event in the animal science industry.

Applications Requirements:

- Participants must be currently (as of January 1, 2018) enrolled in high school.
- Applications must be postmarked by April 2, 2018.
- Delegates must be able to participate in the entire academy and attend all conference sessions.
- Students must complete all areas of the application. The spacing of the application for responses must be unaltered and extra attachments will not be accepted.
- The application should be paper clipped including application form, resume and recommendation form in sealed and signed envelope.
- Applicants will receive an email confirmation that their application has been received by mail.
- Please allow two weeks for review and selection after the April 2 deadline.

Sponsorship:

The academy is sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC). Total cost to attend is $500 per student. If selected students will pay only $50 of this fee, with the balance provided by LMIC. Students are responsible for transportation to and from the Academy and any lodging that may be needed before or after the event.

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Elk County 4-H Council

The April 4-H Council meeting will be **Wednesday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.** at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard. Fair awards for this year will be decided on. All clubs need to be represented.

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Livestock Showing Clinic

Mills Feed & Supply will be hosting a show clinic at their store in Moline on Saturday, April 14. This clinic will cover fitting and showing topics in all species: beef, swine, goat, and lamb. There will be three different speakers, including Ky Stierwalt with Stierwalt Show Cattle.

Registration information can be obtained by calling Mills Feed at 620-647-3294 or emailing for information at millsfeed@sktc.net. Lunch will be provided that day, and kids can attend any or all of the sessions. Make plans to attend this clinic, as it counts towards the livestock educational requirement and it will be a wonderful learning experience for all!

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Hog/Sheep/Goat Weigh In and Tag Day

Longton 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.**

**Animals can be weighed & tagged on Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Longton.**

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 $3/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.

When selecting your hog, lamb, or goat, keep in mind the weight and rate of gain requirements that must be met in order to sell at the premium sale. Market hogs must weigh 220-320 pounds and gain a minimum of 1.1 lbs/day. Market lambs must weigh 100-155 pounds and gain a minimum of 0.25 lbs/day. Meat goats must weigh 50-120 pounds and gain a minimum of 0.20 lbs/day. There are 88 days between spring weigh-in and fair weigh-in.

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

All breeding animals must have ownership as of the date of that species weigh in/tag day. Commercial livestock needs to be tagged with a 4-H tag and registered purebred livestock must have registration papers in the exhibitor’s name or family name. Breeding animals that were tagged in 2017 and are eligible for the 2018 county fair, do not need to be retagged so long as last year’s tag is still in its ear.

Breeding meat goats, sheep and swine must be tagged on April 21 or have registration papers by this date.

Dairy cattle/goats and bucket calves need to be tagged and recorded with the Extension Office by May 1 of the current year.

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May 1 Deadline

May 1 is a very important deadline date.

**Drop/Add Deadline:** This is the last day you can drop or add projects for the year so make sure you are in the projects you want. 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.

**Horse ID’s Due in the Extension Office:** To exhibit at the 4-H Horse Show, a member must properly identify his or her owned or leased horse
project on the 4-H Identification Certificate. Refer to instructions about Horse ID’s in this newsletter.

**Market Beef State Nominations:** Nominations and paperwork needs to be postmarked by May 1.

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**Horse ID’s**

There is a NEW form that needs to be used for the 2017-18 4-H Year. The publication number is P1039 rev. October 2017. [Horse Identification Certificate](#)

The form MUST BE front and back of one page, not two pages.

A standard size picture MUST BE attached. The picture should include all 4 legs and feet showing a profile of the horse with the head turned toward the camera. ALL markings must be clearly visible. Members, Parent/Guardian, Owners (if horse is leased) and County Agents MUST sign and date signature.

The ORIGINAL 4-H Horse Identification Certificate MUST accompany the 4-H’er. The county office and project leader may have a photocopy.

At the State Fair Horse Show, some of the things that have not been correct and will not be allowed in the future are:

- 4-H Horse Identification Certificates on two separate pages instead of front and back.
- Photocopies, not originals, or pictures of papers on your phone.
- Photos of horses not attached to Horse ID certificates.
- Not having all required signatures.
- Photos of horses that are more than 5 years old (especially on young OR gray horses).

If you plan to show at your 4-H District Horse Show or the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show, PLEASE make sure you are using the correct form and it is completely filled out.

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### 4-H Camp

- June 3 - 6
- For members 3rd grade through 7th grade complete.
- $200 + transportation costs (transportation costs not determined until after registrations are due and how many that are going to camp is known.)
- Registration is due May 8.
- Counselor applications are due May 8 as well.
- A registration form is in this newsletter and is available on the Rolling Prairie website.

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### Campference 2018

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2018), and will be held June 26-29 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the “camp” activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Registration and detailed information is on the State 4-H Website. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis.

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### Horse Project and Achievement Levels

The Kansas 4-H Horse Standard of Excellence consists of four achievement levels (I, II, III, IV), each of which contains three sections: knowledge, leadership, and horsemanship skill attainment. Once participants successfully pass the required sections, they will receive certification of achievements and be granted the right to advance to the next level. Participants that fail either the written exam, or skill test, can retake the exam at any time. Horse Project members must pass the written and leadership
requirements prior to taking the skills test. Members that start the project without completing the skill section can later complete that section. However, they cannot enter a higher level skill section without going back and completing skill sections previously skipped.

Only Achievement Level 1 will be required by 4-H members ages 9 - 18 wanting to participate at the District and/or State horse show. This must be done prior to the entry deadlines for the District show.

The Southeast Area District Horse Show is July 10 at Parsons. Entry deadline is June 15. If interested in this, contact Richard well in advance to allow you time to get the tests completed.

Livestock Premium Sale Requirements

Livestock educational requirements must be met by July 1 of the current year. There are several events set to take place in the Rolling Prairie District. The ones that Richard oversees, he will take attendance and will know who was there. If you attend something else, it is your responsibility to let Richard know. Also, if you attend a producer educational meeting, the member needs to write a short paragraph or a few sentences telling what you attended and one or two things you learned. Turn this into the Extension Office to receive credit.

Second, members must attend a minimum of 50% of Elk County monthly club meetings from enrollment until the county fair.

State Livestock Nominations

Listed below is information about the 2018 State Livestock Nominations:

- Animals eligible for KJLS or KSF will need an EID ear tag placed in the ear of the animal by an Agent or in the presence of the Agent. This is so all tags can be accounted for. Make arrangements with Richard to tag and nominate animals if you have animals that were not tagged at the county spring dates. The exception to this is purebred breeding females that have registration papers do not have to be nominated. (except meat goats)
- DNA hair samples are required for each nominated animal for ALL species.
- Ear notch information will be required for swine nominations as well as the DNA sample.
- Scrapie tag numbers will be required for sheep and goat nominations as well as the DNA sample.
- Declaration forms, nomination forms are required as well. These must be signed by the parent/legal guardian, and Extension Agent.
- Nomination deadlines for all species are POSTMARK dates. Certified mail is highly encouraged for sending nominations to KSU.
- Nomination dates are: May 1 - Market Beef; June 15 - Market Hogs, Commercial Gilts, Market Sheep, Commercial Ewes, Commercial Heifers, and ALL meat goats.
- Nomination cost is $8.00/animal.
- All swine exhibitors must submit a valid Youth PQA Plus certification number by June 15.
- A livestock nomination is NOT AN ENTRY for the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show.
- All state nomination paperwork is available as form fillable PDF documents. Forms may be completed this way or via “hard copy.” Original signatures on all paperwork and DNA envelopes are still REQUIRED!

I have copies of all the forms and DNA envelopes as well. Also all forms (except DNA envelopes) and a Kansas Youth Livestock State Nomination Process “Rookie Guide” are available at: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/

When nominating animals, keep this in mind. This information is from the Kansas 4-H Policy document: “Any 4-H exhibit sold at public auction
or by private contract is not eligible to be exhibited at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Public auction includes: premium sale, ribbon auction, or similar event. If the project is sold, regardless of ownership changes, on the date of the transaction the 4-H member has given up the right to exhibit that specific animal or product in the future. In the case of livestock, market animals sold are ineligible to be shown as breeding animals in the future. Non-livestock exhibits (perishable foods, photographs, etc.) may be reproduced for the Kansas State Fair.”

Wanted: 4-H Photography Fair Superintendent!
Contact the Extension Office if interested.

Use of 4-H Logo and KSRE Wordmark

(This information is from the State 4-H Office)

With the start of a new 4-H year, clubs may be ordering t-shirts and other items. Here are some things to keep in mind when you are using the 4-H logo/wordmark.

Brands are about relationships: using the KSRE/4-H wordmark will help strengthen the impact of the 4-H program in Kansas. Note - KSRE is K-State Research and Extension. A new policy began on October 1. The co-wordmark is now required on ALL 4-H marketing and publishing materials, including print, digital, apparel and merchandise. This requirement applies to all designs created at the local, county, district, area, and state levels. Always display the relationship of 4-H to K-State Research and Extension, whether it is visually through logos and brand identity, or verbal and written references through television, radio, YouTube videos, press releases, etc.

Two frequently asked questions:
1. Do local, small town printers/t-shirt shops, need to be a licensed K-State vendor? Yes. Local vendors may contact Tami Breymeyer, Director of Licensing at 785-532-6269. Her department is happy to work with small vendors to get them licensed. The licensing website can be a bit overwhelming to a small, local vendor. Have them call Tami and talk through the local K-State vendor process.

2. Can local clubs & volunteers continue to purchase items from the National 4-H Mall if they don’t have our Co-Brand? If it is something really unique or specific, or they are ordering one of something, then they can continue to purchase from them. But if they are purchasing large quantities of apparel and other merchandise, that could be made by someone local then we’d prefer they go that route because of the co-branding issue. Many times, local vendors can produce very similar designs if you show them an example of what you’re wanting— that way you get the design you like but you can co-brand it properly. Again, we have no way of policing this, but within all reasonable effort, we’d like for all apparel and trinkets to have our co-brand on it.

We understand that designs may feature a 4-H clover as part of the creative design. This is permissible, if the K-State Research and Extension/4-H co-wordmark is included somewhere on the item as well. Please do not use true blue or red apparel, as those colors create brand confusion and do not comply with the K-State Style Guide. Be aware that there are many “illegal” clipart clovers floating around the internet. Be sure you are using a correct one, by checking with the Extension Office.

Favorite Food Show

The Favorite Food Show will be Tuesday, May 29, 9:00 a.m. at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard. Entries are due by May 21. An entry form with more information will be included in next month’s newsletter.
Camp Registration Form
Due May 8

Camp Fee: $200.00 (Does not include any transportation costs that there may be)

Name __________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip Code________________________________________________

Phone #________________      Parent/Guardian_________________________

Email ___________________________________________________________

Grade just completed _____  4-H age (as of January 1, 2018)______

Sex (M or F) _______

Roommate choices:

1st. _____________________ _________________________

2nd. ____________________ __________________________

3rd. _____________________ _________________________

Please list any special needs:

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Non-refundable registration fee of $100.00 is due by May 8. Make check payable to Elk County 4-H Council.

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