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.

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At this time we are planning on a county fair and the related events and activities. I will keep you updated as things happen or change.

4-H EVENTS AND COVID-19

Kansas 4-H and KSRE extended their policy regarding no in-person meetings till May 16th. This includes all 4-H in-person events. This newsletter has information about many upcoming scheduled events and activities. Please review it carefully as it is the most updated information that I have.

If events are forced to be cancelled or plans change, I will notify 4-H families through email and the Rolling Prairie Facebook page. Our office is closed at this time, however, I am still working and available to you. Please call or email if you need something. Here is my contact information:

Email: rfechter@ksu.edu
Cell:  620-515-0149

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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 Richard and he 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. More details later in the newsletter.

Market Beef State Nominations: Nominations and paperwork needs to be postmarked by May 1. More details later in the newsletter.

4-H Camp and Counselors Applications Due: More details later in the newsletter.

Discovery Days

The 2020 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days registration is now open. We are very hopeful the event will occur as planned but also want to recognize the possibility that factors out of our control could prevent the occurrence.

The following statement has been added to the registration to establish clear expectations for those registering. “In this time of uncertainty, we have opened the Kansas 4-H Discovery Days registration with the understanding that at any point we may need to cancel this event. We will close registration and post information if and when that may be deemed necessary. If we cancel the event, refunds will be processed. Thank you for understanding.”

Direct link to registration: http://www.event.com/d/ynqxqg

4-H/FFA Livestock Projects

It is important to document and identify livestock and animals our youth have purchased or raised for 4-H projects for the 2019-2020 4-H year.

We will still have small animal tagging on May 1 and May 2 while keeping with the Kansas State policy of no in-person contact. In order to limit social contact, and to do our part to help slow the spread of COVID-19, animals will not be weighed, so there will be no minimum rate of gain or rate of gain contest. On May 1, I will do tagging at Howard and May 2, I will do tagging in Longton. Families would show up at either location that works best for them.

We will utilize a drive through tagging. In mid-April, I will send out a Google Documents where families can sign up for times to be tagged on May 1 or May 2 so I can have a schedule. You will come to the tagging location and your family will stay in their vehicle, and I or a sale committee member or superintendent will get into the trailer and tag your animals.

Some people have asked if they should even purchase a livestock animal, will we even have the fair? As of this moment, the policy ban on in-person meetings goes to May 16th. We have no way of knowing how this situation will look in one week, one month, etc. As of this moment, our fair has NOT been cancelled. But as you all know, this situation is ever developing. If something changes, we will let you know. As the Extension Office we cannot tell you if you should, or should not, purchase livestock. As a 4-H family, you will have to weigh the pros and cons of the situation and make a decision that you feel is best for you and your family.

Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show Nomination Deadlines: At this point, the deadlines for state nominations are still the same. May 1 is the deadlines for market beef animals and June 15 is the small animal deadline along with commercial heifers.
YQCA: The YQCA meetings I had scheduled have been cancelled. Youth may still become certified through the on-line session. The link to do this is http://yqca.org/ The on-line training cost is $12. However, in light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the YQCA Board is announcing a 25% flash sale on the web based certification. Here is how to take advantage of this opportunity.

- Only offered during the month of April (April 1 – April 30), YQCA will be offering a 25% discount on web-based trainings, making them $9.
- Those wishing to take part in the flash sale will need to purchase $9 web-based training coupons from YQCA. Coupon order forms may be obtained by contacting Richard or emailing sales@yqca.org. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED PRICE.
- Once the order form and proof of payment is received, coupons will be issued and returned to the purchaser within 3-5 business days.
- Coupons MUST be put towards a web-based training in the month of April.

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 can be picked up during small animal tag days or contact Richard and he can mail a tag to you. Cost is $2.00.

State Livestock Nominations

Listed below is information about the 2020 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 exhibitors must submit a valid YQCA certification number by June 15. (except members that are 7 years old)
- 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!

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/

DNA envelopes are only available at the Extension Office. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON THESE ITEMS OR GET ENVELOPES. CONTACT RICHARD IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO NOMINATE
**ANIMALS AND NEED ENVELOPES MAILED TO YOU OR TAGS.**

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.”

**Hog/Sheep/Goat Weigh Tag Day**

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Members may 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. Please bring exact dollar amount or make checks payable to Rolling Prairie Extension District.

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.

**Horse ID’s**


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 Extension Agents MUST sign and date signature.

**Ownership** - Youth may own the horse themselves, or use a family-owned horse (immediate family: parent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian).

**Leasing** - If a 4-H member identifies a family-owned horse, 1 additional horse may be leased and identified.

**Entering District Horse Shows** - 4-H members may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. But before entering the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used.
4-H Camp

- June 7 - 10; For members 3rd grade through 7th grade complete.
- $225 + 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 1. Registration form is available on the Rolling Prairie website.
- Counselor applications are due May 1 as well. Available on Rolling Prairie website.
- https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/activities/index.html#camp
- The $225 camp fees are due by May 1 with your completed registration. A spot in camp will not be reserved for members until full payment is received!! IF WE CANCEL THE EVENT, FULL REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED!!

Favorite Food Show

The Favorite Food Show will be Friday, May 22, 1:30 p.m. at the Greenwood County Courthouse in Eureka. Our show will be with Greenwood County 4-H’ers. The same judge will be utilized, but counties will be judged separately. Entries are due by Friday, May 11. An entry form with more information is in this newsletter.

Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members. The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2020. Anglers can fish year round but entries must be in by the deadline, fish caught after the deadline may be entered in the next contest. Participants can enter in any species/categories that they catch fish – go fishing and have fun!!

One 4-H Angler of the Year will be named in each of the species/category listed below. These are fish commonly found in Kansas waters. Each Angler of the Year will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap, a frameable certificate, and a WalMart gift certificate to hopefully be used for fishing equipment (one per individual). All participants that enter a certified entry will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap.

The following species will make up the contest:

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RULES:
1. Must be enrolled in 4-H but do not have to be in the Sportfishing Project.

2. Entry must be measured by length, verified by a witness and be accompanied by a photo of the entry. (This is a minimum entry to receive a cap.)

3. To compete for Angler of the Year Award the entry must also be weighed and witnessed (digital hand scale is acceptable, no spring scales please.)

4. Fish can be caught anywhere in the state of Kansas.

5. Fish must be caught by a legal method as outlined in the current Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Fishing Regulations Summary.

6. Entries must be postmarked by September 15th or e-mailed by that date.

7. Entries are to be submitted to Tommie Berger
   406 S. New York Ave. Sylvan Grove, KS 67481. bergkwi@wtciweb.com 785-524-6112
Elk County
4-H FAVORITE FOOD SHOW
Friday, May 22, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.
Greenwood County Courthouse, Eureka

The Favorite Food Show is an exhibit and contest to encourage 4-H’ers to learn about meal planning, food preparation, and presentation. A “Favorite Food” is chosen, one the 4-H’er likes and likes to prepare. A menu is planned with the food, and the table decor is coordinated. Foods chosen may be main courses, desserts, snacks, breads, casseroles or other.

A recipe card and a menu card should be displayed with the proper table setting. The 4-H’er will visit informally with the judge and tell how to prepare and serve the food, why they selected the table service and dishes, and why the centerpiece is appropriate. The 4-H’er should also know some of the nutritional value of the food and be able to discuss that with the judge.

This is a creative and fun event for 4-H’ers. There are no hard and fast rules. The following score card is used at the Area Contest and will be used at the Elk County contest.

30% - The Exhibitor
- Appropriate Dress
- Originality
- Interview - Eye contact, clarity, volume of voice. Demonstrates understanding of table setting techniques and the menu, food preparation and food safety.

30% - The Favorite Food
- Can discuss nutritional value and healthy portions.
- Understands preparation of the food item.
- Appearance of food including portion size.
- Food safety knowledge.

20% - Menu with Favorite Food
- Appropriate food choices.
- Understanding of meal preparation time management.
- Knowledge and experience with this menu.
- Balanced in color and texture.

20% - Table Setting with Favorite Food
- Appropriate for menu
- Menu and recipe are clear and legible.
- Attractive-color scheme, dishes, food, placemats, linen, etc.
- Appropriate centerpiece.

Favorite Food Show Entry
Entries due in the Extension Office by Monday, May 11, 2020

Name __________________________ Age ___________
(4-H Age)

My Favorite Food will be ____________________________________________________________

Served for (Occasion) _______________________________________________________________