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.

January
17  Southeast Area KAP Judging
18  Southeast Area Leadership Forum--Emporia
19  Teen Leaders
20  Holiday--Offices Closed
29  Kansas & Elk County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due

February
1  Enrollment Deadline to Exhibit at County Fair
5  4-H Council Meeting -- 6:30 p.m.
7  Early Bird Registration Due for Jr Beef Producer Day
15  Valentines Steak Dinner--Grenola
16 - 17  Citizenship in Action -- Topeka
21  Early Bird Registration Due for Jr Sheep Producer Day
21  4-H Club Day and Junk in a Bucket Entries Due
29  Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day -- Manhattan

March
1  Market Beef Weigh In and Tag Day -- Longton (150 days)
7  Elk County 4-H Club Day -- Howard
14  Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day
21  Regional 4-H Club Day -- Madison

4-H Scholarship Applications

Applications are now available for the Elk County and Kansas 4-H Scholarships. The same application is used for both scholarships. Applications are due in the Extension Office Wednesday, January 29.

For the applications, two reference letters and transcripts are needed.

Members only need to complete the application once and copies will be made for the different groups that need them. Graduating seniors for more information and/or applications, contact the Extension Office. The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application is publication number MG-50 (2020).
Southeast Leadership Forum

SELF is a one-day event in January where youth (ages 12-18) and adults across the Southeast Region come together to learn more about leadership, 4-H, and practice new skills.

Workshops, new friends, hands-on learning and great speakers. Come join us for a great Saturday!

Cost for the day is $25 per person, it includes all workshop materials, snacks and lunch. Registration link: [https://tinyurl.com/2020SELF](https://tinyurl.com/2020SELF)

DEADLINE - By January 10, 2020, register online and take your $25 payment into your local Extension Office.

KAP Screening

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Screening of KAP’s for the Southeast Area is January 17. I have information about completing the KAP as well as a copy of the scorecard that is to be used in the judging. For more information and/or assistance, contact the Extension Office. Completed KAP’s are due in the Extension Office by January 14.

Members and the projects they are eligible to complete KAP’s in are:

- Jadyn Allen -- Clothing & Textiles, and Photography
- Anna Hendricks -- Horse
- Hannah Whetstone -- Dog Care & Training, Foods and Nutrition, Leadership and Sheep
- Wyatt Fechter -- Beef, Meat Goats, and Self Determined

Citizenship in Action

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is busy planning for Citizenship in Action (CIA), which will be on February 16 and 17 in Topeka. Hotel accommodations will once again be at the Capitol Plaza Hotel next to the Kansas Expo Centre in Topeka, KS. Housing costs are included in the $200 registration fee and rooms will be assigned. Youth Delegates will be housed 2 or 3 in a room with no one sharing a bed. A third person may be added to a room if roll-away mattresses are available. Please note that adults already receive their own bed that is included in their registration.

Again, there will be a banquet Sunday evening. This is a great opportunity for delegates to visit with their legislators. Delegations are urged to invite their legislators to this dinner.

4-H’ers age 13-18 years old before January 1, 2020 are able to attend. Registration deadline is January 15.

Citizenship in Action is an opportunity for youth to learn about the legislative process, and for legislators to see the positive impacts of 4-H. By encouraging involvement of 4-H members and government officials, the Youth Council hopes to develop a platform for communication between 4-H members and law-makers. Delegates should also be prepared to discuss issues and topics when they meet with their senators and representatives.

Delegations are responsible for setting up their own meetings with legislators. This is a learning experience. Agents and leaders are encouraged to train and then have 4-H members make these contacts as part of the educational process.

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YQCA Requirement for 2020 State Shows

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multispecies youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 8-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

The third year of curriculum materials was launched in October 2019, and youth are welcome to begin completing the training at any time. Last year was the first year quality assurance certification was required for Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) exhibitors. The requirement is expected to continue for 2020. ALL exhibitors, including youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females, will need to complete the training.

Youth may obtain their YQCA certification using one of the following methods: Instructor-led Training - $3/child; the Online Course - $12/child; or the Test-Out Option – only 12 & 15 year olds are eligible; online only; cost varies based on age division; Valid Youth PQA+ Number – in lieu of YQCA certification. Youth need to complete their YQCA certification by June 15, 2020. Certification numbers must be valid through October 4, 2020, to be accepted.

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. This can be done in a couple of ways. First a couple of YQCA meetings will be held (not scheduled yet) or members may complete an online course. There is an option for Kansas 7-year-olds to participate in the program and receive official certification. These youth will only be permitted to complete an instructor-led course; the online version will not be available. Once you complete a training, members will receive a certification number. That information will need to be forwarded to Michael Hogan. More information about these trainings will be in future newsletters.

Livestock Tagging

If you wish to exhibit an animal of any species at the 2020 Elk County 4-H Fair, it must be tagged and/or ownership verified by registration papers, including dairy and bucket calf. 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 previous years and are eligible for the 2020 county fair, do not need to be retagged so long as the previous year’s tag is still in its ear.

Breeding beef heifers must be tagged on March 1 or have registration papers by that date. Breeding meat goats, sheep and swine must be tagged on May 1 or 2 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.

Valentine’s Steak Dinner

Saturday, February 15 -- Grenola Community Building

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. -- $20 per person before February 5. $25 at the door.

Tickets available in advance from Elk County 4-H Council members or at the door. Tickets are available at the Extension Office for clubs to pick up.
Elk County 4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day is set for Saturday, March 7 at West Elk High School in Howard. Entries are due in the Extension Office Friday, February 21. No late entries will be accepted!

All 4-H’ers are encouraged to have an entry for 4-H Club Day. One of the basic requirements to be eligible for an Excellence in Project Achievement Award is to give at least two formal talks or demonstrations (unless you are a first-year member and then you must give at least one).

Each family or person is responsible for their own entries. Club presidents should mark whether your club is performing a model meeting. An entry form will be in next month’s newsletter and is available on the Rolling Prairie Extension website at http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/activities/index.html#ClubDays

Also, on the website, you will find the PowerPoint slides from the Basics of 4-H Club Day presentation that I did several years ago, an entry form, club day guidelines, and a presentation and poster tips document. These are in PDF files that you may view and/or print.

Questions on 4-H Club Day

Are you unsure of what a project talk, demonstration or illustrated talk is? Or, maybe you have no idea what 4-H Club Day is. Well, to ease your confusion, here is some information about 4-H Club Day.

What is 4-H Club Day? - 4-H Club Day is where 4-H'ers can participate in activities either as a group or an individual. Activities can range from model meetings, demonstrations, project talks, dancing, music, dramatics, etc. It is competitive, with judges giving ratings in top blue, blue, red, and white placings. It is a good time for 4-H'ers to develop self-confidence and poise. It is an opportunity to perform in front of others and share one's 4-H experience.

What is a Project Talk? - Quite simply it is a talk about one of your projects. It can tell about your experiences in the project and/or give information relating to your project. The talk should be over something you are familiar with and be of interest to yourself and others. Questions are not asked at the end of a project talk.

Project Talk
1. Tells about
2. Purpose: To inform
3. Visuals: Charts only

Demonstrations? - A demonstration is simply showing and telling how to do something. It is a teaching method. Most demonstrations incorporate an introduction, a body that is the "Show and Tell" part, and a summary to stress the important parts of your demonstration.

Demonstration
1. Shows how
2. Purpose: To teach
3. Visuals: Charts and aids for making product

Illustrated Talk? - An illustrated talk is talking and telling how to do something by using pictures, charts, models, equipment, and other types of visual aids.

Illustrated Talk
1. Tells how
2. Purpose: To teach
3. Visuals: Models, charts

Show N Share Talk? - This is for first year members only! It is an opportunity for them to give a talk or presentation in front of people for the first time. The judge will provide comments to the 4-H’er and they will receive a ribbon. These talks are not eligible for Regional 4-H Club Day.

Questions on 4-H Club Day
Gavel Games

Parliamentary procedure is one of the lasting skills identified by former 4-H members that was developed during their 4-H years.

Gavel Games is designed to teach parliamentary procedure in a fun, meaningful way. In a Gavel Games contest, four 4-H’ers make up a team and act as officers for a 4-H business model meeting. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are the only officers in this parliamentary exercise.

Each team takes a written test as well. Part of the test is the order of business. Teams receive a score on both the written test and oral presentation. Age divisions are Junior (13 and under) and Senior (14 and older).

If anyone is interested in Gavel Games or would like more information, let me know. I will be glad to help anyone wanting to try this. Clubs and members can do both model meeting and Gavel Games if they want to. Members on a Gavel Games team do not have to be from the same 4-H club.

On our website, under Club Days, is a publication about Gavel Games. This is a document that I developed, and it is being used by all the counties in our Regional 4-H Club Day block.

Model Meetings

Clubs performing a model meeting are required to make at least one motion from the five types of motions. The types of motions are: Main, Subsidiary, Incidental, Privileged, and Unclassified. Motions that fall under these categories/types can be found in A Guide to Parliamentary Practice for your Club on pages 2-3 or in The Meeting Will Come To Order on page 18.

Junk in a Bucket

Junk in a Bucket has been an overwhelming success the last two years; therefore, we will continue it this year. Each participant will draw for a random numbered bucket on March 7 at 4-H Club Day. You do not have to be present to participate, but you do need to arrange to pick up your bucket at another time.

Ground Rules for Junk in a Bucket:

1. Pre-entry is required and will be due by February 21, 2020 to the Rolling Prairie Extension District - Howard Office.
2. Random drawings for the buckets will be March 7, 2020.
3. Photos of each bucket will be taken. NO extra materials may be used in the creation of the project.
4. Any of the items in the bucket MAY be cut or reconfigured, but NO items may be added.
5. Items in the bucket may be welded. Baling wire may be used to connect items, but may be used ONLY to connect pieces. No extra wire is allowed. Zip Ties may also be used to connect items in the bucket.
6. In creating the project, all items in the bucket DO NOT have to be used.
7. Projects may be painted, but it is not required.
8. ALL buckets and items not used must be returned along with the exhibit to the Elk County Fair in July. All Junk in a Bucket projects will be exhibited in a special class at the fair.
9. Only 4-H’ers enrolled may participate in this project. This is an individual person project; NOT a team or club project.
10. Special prizes will be awarded in the two divisions: Junior and Senior. (Ages same as all Elk County 4-H Fair activities.) Prizes will be based on creativity and originality of the project.
Join us February 29, 2020, for the Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can broaden their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided.

Cost: $15/person by February 7 or $20/person after February 7

*Registrations received after Feb. 7 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

8:30am  Registration
9:30am  Welcome/Opening Remarks
9:45am  Beef Project Selection & Management
10:30am Morning Breakout Sessions
        Reading Feed Tags, Meat Science & Alternative Proteins, Grooming & Clipping
12:00pm Lunch
1:00pm  Livestock Behavior & Low Stress Handling
2:00 pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions
        Health, Reproduction, Showmanship, State Nomination Process
3:30pm  Final Questions, Wrap-up, & Evaluation
4:00pm  Instructor-led YQCA Certification (optional)

**Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day: February 29, 2020 ~ Early Registration by February 7, 2020**

Name: ________________________________ Email: __________________________________
Address: _____________________________ City: ________________ Zip: ________ State: ____
Adult Shirt Size: __________     or      Youth Shirt Size: __________
Age Division: 11 & Under _________     12-14 _________      15-18 _________     Adult _________
Fee Enclosed: __________ County: _________________________ Phone: ____________________
Attending YQCA Session?          Yes          No           If yes, is child active on 4HOnline?     Yes      No
Special Dietary or Participation Needs: _________________________________________________

One form per participant, anyone attending must register (adults and youth).

Make checks payable to: KSU Department of Animal Sciences & Industry
Mail payment & registration to: Lexie Hayes, 214 Weber Hall, 1424 Claflin Rd., Manhattan, KS 66506

To Register Online:  **http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister**
Join us for Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, March 14, 2020, in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include market and breeding project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, developing a starter flock, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and youth livestock quality assurance training. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. A complimentary lunch will be served and all participants who register by the deadline will receive a t-shirt.

Cost: $15/person by February 21 or $20/person after February 21

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9:30am  Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:45am  Breeding & Market Lamb Selection
10:30am Morning Breakout Sessions
        Nutrition, Facilities, Flock Development
12:00pm Lunch
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        Wool, Showmanship, Clipping, Nominations
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Kansas Jr. Sheep Producer Day: March 14, 2020
Early Registration by February 21, 2020

Name: _______________________________________ Email: _________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________ City: ___________________ State: _____ Zip: _________
Adult Shirt Size: _________ or Youth Shirt Size: ________
Age Division:  11 & Under __________  12-14 __________  15-18 __________  Adult _________
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K-State Research and Extension, the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, or their assignees, reserve the right to photograph, record the image and/or voice of participants for current or future research, educational, and/or promotional purposes. By attending, you provide consent to the above items and waive all rights to claims for payment or royalties in connection with any use of said images or recordings.
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