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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Fair Edition of the Newsletter

This is the fair edition of the newsletter. Hard to believe we are two weeks from the fair! In this newsletter is all kinds of information related to the different fair events and projects. If you have questions, please ask!

Fashion Revue Forms

Fashion Revue forms are available at the Extension Office or on-line at http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/index.html

There are two forms that must be completed for each entry. One is the information and judges form and the other is the script. Both forms need to be completed and returned to the Extension Office by Monday, July 8! On the information and judges form, attach a picture of you in your outfit. The information form page can be used as part of your record for your record book.
Kansas State Fair Youth Livestock Entries

Entries for the youth livestock shows (beef, sheep, swine and meat goat) for the Kansas State Fair are due by July 15. Entries are to be done online. Information and forms can be found at: https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/participate/grand-drive

Lost Ear Tags

If ear tags are lost from your market animals, they must be replaced! All market animals must have the proper ear tag in place to check in at the fair. So, whether you lost a tag on June 1 or July 17 let the office know ASAP to get it replaced.

For 4-H Fair information, go to http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/index.html

Fair Notes

Again this year, exhibit tags do not need to be picked up for 4-H exhibits. The Extension Office will print these for all exhibits (except livestock) and have them available on Wednesday, July 17 when you check in your exhibits. At this time, you will place them on your exhibits. Recipe cards are still needed for foods exhibits and are available at the Extension Office.

Livestock stall cards will be printed at weigh in on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. Breeding animals and bucket calves may check in and get their stall cards beginning at 6:45 p.m. or after weigh in of market animals is completed. Exception is meat goat doe kids need to be weighed during their scheduled time of 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

All non-market livestock entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 17, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. All exhibits must be checked in by 10:00 a.m.

Consultation judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Only members involved in consultation judging (Visual Arts and Photography) will be allowed in the fair building while judging is taking place.

Plant Science project members if you are wondering how to exhibit your entries, the Extension Office has copies of “Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables” available.

Visual Arts and Photography projects will be judged by consultation this year. Members will have the opportunity to visit with the judge about their project and exhibits while they are being judged.

You are not required to do consultation judging, however, it can be a great learning experience for the 4-H’er. If you are unable to be at consultation judging, your exhibit(s) will still be judged.

Photography: Photo mats are available from the Extension Office for $1.00. This includes a large Ziploc bag to place your completed project in.

Be sure you look over the fair schedule closely so you do not miss anything. If you have any questions about the fair, entries, shows or anything else you see in the fair book or newsletter, just ask us at the Extension Office!

Red, Blue, Purple or White

The county fair is not only a time for the community to come together, but a chance for our future leaders to showcase what they have learned throughout the year in 4-H.

The 4-H projects are not the only items on display at the Fair, we are also proud to show our communities the wonderful kids who participate in our 4-H program. The cookies or the pig are just a product of the enormous learning that has gone on throughout the year. It is truly about the time spent with a caring adult - parent, friend, relative, teacher, neighbor, club leader or the county agent.
In addition to the project on display, the youth also have the opportunity to visit with judges and explain what they learned, what worked out, and maybe even what turned out to be a flop. No matter the path, learning experiences will be had by all.

During the Fair, we award a lot of ribbons. But what does each ribbon mean? Every 4-H exhibit receives a ribbon based on comparing the project with an ideal standard, not against each other until a Grand Champion is awarded. In Kansas, the Danish system is used for evaluation, placing exhibits in ribbon groups.

**Purple and Pink Ribbons** mean an exhibit is outstanding by all standards. Purples and Pinks are given to those exhibits that exceed expectation and prove a member went above and beyond to create a project that excels.

**Blue Ribbons** are awarded to the exhibits that are above average. It exceeds the minimum standard and may have minor flaws where improvements can be made. Remember, exhibits do not get a Blue ribbon for just showing up.

**Red Ribbon** level is where judging truly begins. Red means the exhibit is average. It meets all minimum standards, and has visible signs of needed improvements. Contrary to popular belief, Red is not a horrible ribbon to receive. I earned lots of red ribbons through my years as a 4-H member, and each one of them showed me that I still had a lot to learn. Red just means the exhibit is middle of the pack.

**White Ribbons** are below average. For whatever reasons, it fails to meet the minimum standards. It may be under baked, not finished, missing parts, or may not have met the weight requirement. White ribbons show an exhibitor they still have work to do to earn a higher placing ribbon next year.

Remember, each of our 4-H members are responsible for their exhibit. Good sportsmanship means they took the time to listen to the judges’ critique and learn from another’s viewpoint. No one is to blame when a project doesn’t come together like we had expected - but often times more is learned from the project that receives more criticism. While some of our 4-H members are proud of their projects, and others may be disappointed, I hope every competitor is gracious - win, lose or draw.

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**Teen Leaders Help**

Listed below are the assignments that were made for teen leaders at their last meeting to assist and help at the different events at the fair. If you cannot help at these events, please let me know.

**Clothing/Fashion Revue:** Hannah Whetstone and Wyatt Fechter

**Foods:** Brooklyn Hilton and Haley Hogan

**Horse Show:** KayLeeann Greer & Heather Glass

**Indoor Exhibits Check-In and Judging:**
Brooklyn Hilton, Hannah Whetstone, Rachel Hendricks, Anna Hendricks, Jessica Humphrey, and Jadyn Allen

**Swine Show:** Wyatt Fechter, Ethan Hogan and Anna Hendricks

**Sheep Show:** Wyatt Fechter and Heather Glass

**Goat Show:** Rachel Hendricks and Haley Hogan

**Rabbit/Poultry:** Mandi Ford

**Awards Ceremony:** London Hilton and Brooklyn Hilton

**Bucket Calf/Beef Show:** Anna Hendricks and KayLeeann Greer

If any teen leader is interested in announcing any of the livestock shows, visit with Richard about the possibilities.

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Those of you planning to camp at the fairgrounds, campers may be brought to the fairgrounds starting on the afternoon of Sunday, July 14.

Poultry Testing

Due to a nationwide shortage of antigen needed to conduct pullorum-typhoid testing in poultry, the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health is waiving certain poultry testing requirements. As a result, poultry owners do not need to test their birds for the pullorum disease while the waiver is in effect.

Although we still consider pullorum-typhoid testing important in maintaining pullorum-clean poultry within Kansas, pullorum disease is rare. Due to this low risk of spread of pullorum disease, and the fact that the antigen for testing will not be available, KDA is waiving the requirement for pullorum-typhoid testing until October 1, 2019.

Supporters and Friends of 4-H Picnic

4-H Council sponsors this event. The supper will be held Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. at the West Elk School. The Public Fashion Revue will follow at 7:30 p.m. The Teen Leaders will be serving deli sandwiches, chips, and watermelon. Drinks will be provided.

4-H families should invite trophy donors, livestock sale buyers, and other supporters and friends of 4-H. We cannot say thank you enough to our supporters and donors and this is another opportunity to thank them immediately before the 4-H Fair as well as providing a showcase for the Fashion Revue!

Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue Judging

Judging of Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue projects will be Wednesday, July 10 at the Flint Hills Assembly of God Church in Howard. Clothing Construction and Fiber Arts will be judged 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in one of rooms. Clothing Construction Fashion Revue judging and Boys Buymanship Fashion Revue judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. Girls Buymanship Fashion Revue Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Doors will be marked on Wednesday morning so look for the signs.

The public Fashion Revue will be that evening, 7:30 p.m. at West Elk School following the Supporters and Friends of 4-H Picnic.

Goat and Sheep Showmanship Clinic

Saturday, July 13 -- 8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon Howard Fairgrounds

Looking to enhance your showmanship skills before the upcoming county fair? Well here is your chance to learn from a NATIONAL CHAMPION showman, Jade Edwards, and her team. Jade will be hosting a Goat and Sheep Showmanship Clinic at the Howard Fairgrounds on July 13th. The clinic is open to showmen of any age/experience from the Rolling Prairie District. Be sure and RSVP to Jade at 620-437-7948 by July 11th to claim your spot!

Oh, and its FREE!!

Don't miss out on a chance to expand your skills from one of the best showman in the country!!
Fairgrounds Cleanup/Setup

4-H families are needed to clean the livestock barns and pens, and setting up the show arena on **Sunday, July 14 at 5:00 p.m.** Bring rakes, shovels, wire, brooms, and other items.

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**Foods Judging**

The 4-H food entries will be judged by consultation, **Monday, July 15 at the Flint Hills Assembly of God Church in Howard.** Two judges and two rooms will be used. Doors will be marked on Wednesday morning so look for the signs. The judging is scheduled by ages (as of January 1). Please bring your items to be judged during the following times: **Age 7-9 and 10-13 -- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.; age 14 and older -- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Be prepared to leave your entries until the judging has been completed so that champions can be chosen.

Bring your foods to the judging on Monday, July 15 prepared as directed in the fairbook. Then after being judged, refrigerate a sample to display at the fair. A sample of each food’s entry will be displayed at the fair on the club’s food display table on Wednesday, July 17. Ribbons will be awarded at the fair on Wednesday.

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**4-H/FFA Horse Show**

All horse classes and events will take place on **Monday, July 15, 6:00 p.m.** at the Howard Arena. No horses are to be brought to the fair with one exception: The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Horse Showmanship winners will bring their horses in for the Round Robin on Saturday, July 20.

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**Livestock Weigh In Schedule**

Market animals are to be weighed on **Wednesday, July 17.** Schedule for the evening is as follows:

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<td>Weigh Market Goats &amp; Doe Kids</td>
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<td>5:30 - 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Weigh Market Lambs</td>
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<td>Weigh Market Hogs</td>
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<td>Check in ALL Breeding Animals</td>
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If you have animals weighed and tagged as families, you need to declare at the scales which animal goes with which family member. Also, you need to declare at the scales which animal is breeding or market if that applies to you as well.

Livestock stall cards will be printed at weigh in on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. Listed below are the weight and average daily gain requirements for each species. Minimum average daily gain requirements are calculated from spring weigh-in to the fair. For market beef that is 143 days and for hogs/sheep/goats it is 82 or 81 days.

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<td>100 - 155 lbs</td>
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<td>Min. of 1050 lbs</td>
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**4-H Awards Presentation Ceremony**

**Friday, July 19 -- 5:30 p.m.**

Trophies and plaques will be awarded at this event. Awards will be presented for all the indoor exhibits and junk in a bucket at this time. If you are a winner of any of these, please be present at the trophy ceremony to accept your award.

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**Livestock Exhibitors are responsible for providing your own bedding at the fair. Mills Feed will have a trailer of shavings available to purchase at the fairgrounds.**
**Herdsmanship Contest**

Each livestock exhibitor at the fair has the obligation to the public and other exhibitors to have a clean, safe presentation. Each year clubs compete for the Herdsmanship trophy. This will be judged as a club exhibit, since livestock from each club will be penned close together. A traveling plaque is presented to the winning club at Achievement Banquet.

Displays are judged each day of the fair. Inspections are unannounced and unscheduled, but not made while the animals are being shown. Herdsmanship scoring is based on: feeding animals, exhibitor conduct, stall and pen identification, cleanliness of alleys and stalls, appearance of animals, arrangement of exhibits, educational value and clubs participation in cleanup before and after the fair.

Feeding and watering of cattle ideally should take place outside the fair barn. This should help minimize some of the mess in the barn.

**Destination Forms and Livestock Premium Sale**

In order to receive their premium sale check, members need to turn in a completed record book. You will receive a separate base bid check along with your thank you list of buyer(s). Also members must complete a Destination Form to be eligible to sell their animals. **This form must be returned to the Fair Superintendent or Extension Agent following the Beef Show on Friday evening.** The form will ask the member whether they are going to sell their animal(s) or not.

**Livestock Stall Assignments**

Stall assignments will be made a few days prior to the fair. As most of you are aware, the amount of space for livestock will be tight. The Fairboard and myself are trying are best to make sure everyone has the space needed for their exhibits. Please be courteous to your fellow 4-H’ers and families. I cannot guarantee that all club families/members will be stalled together for all species.

**The Handshake**

*(from the Stock Show Stories, June 9, 2019)*

Can the handshake be done incorrectly? You bet! You are watching a class ringside and see the judge signal to a showman that she’s won the class. He walks to the mic and begins his reasons. It starts something like, “The young lady’s calf that leads off this class does so with ease…” Then the strangest thing happens. The showman drags her calf over to him in an effort to shake his hand - while he is in mid-sentence. She awkwardly shifts the show stick and lead to her left hand so as to be able to shake with her right hand. While he is talking about her calf, she promptly exits the ring. Since she has set the stage of handshaking and exiting, every other showman subsequently heads to the judge for a handshake parade.

Showmen don’t get on your parents right now for telling you to shake the judge’s hand. It’s a little like “smiling in showmanship.” Somewhere along the way, everyone said to do that. Your parents didn’t want you to look disrespectful. I get that everyone thinks they are being polite by shaking the judge’s hand. However, there are ways to make sure the judge knows you are listening and acknowledging and appreciative of the comment.

The resounding opinion from judges I’ve spoken with over the years is this: Don’t shake the judges hand while he or she is giving reasons. It is distracting and holds up the show. Consider this: if a judge is young or less experienced, it may be difficult for them to focus on that many things at one time. Ask anyone who judges shows and they will tell you they get in rhythm. Judging is challenging and while most judges will tell you it is fun, they also don’t like distractions.
Barnyard Olympics

Thursday, July 18

6:30 p.m. at the Show Arena

Sponsored by the Elk County Teen Leaders

- Entries are due at NOON on Thursday, July 18.

- 4 members per team. Must have one member from each age group that is listed below. Age is your real age as of July 18. Members may move up an age division, but not down.

- Age Groups
  - 6 - 10
  - 11 - 14
  - 15 - 18
  - 19 and older
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