

# Elk County 4-H News

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## 4-H Calendar of Events

July 1	YQCA Completion Deadline for Elk County Members
July 4	Holiday -- Offices Closed
July 7	4-H/FFA Fair Entries Due and Fashion Revue Packets Due
July 10	Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts, Fashion Revue Judging Public Fashion Revue
July 12	Fairgrounds Cleanup
July 14	Horse Show
July 15	4-H Foods Judging
July 15	Market and Breeding Livestock Weigh In and Check In
July 15	Kansas State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Entries Due
July 16 - 19	Elk County 4-H Fair -- Howard
July 23 - 26	Chautauqua County Fair -- Sedan
August 6	Elk County 4-H Council
August 15	KJLS Entries Due

## Fair Edition of the Newsletter

This is the fair edition of the newsletter. The time is quickly approaching as we are just a couple weeks away from fair events starting to happen! In this newsletter is all kinds of information related to the different fair events and projects. If you have questions, please ask!



# YQCA Certification



## FOR ELK COUNTY 4-H/FFA 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 by **July 1!**

## 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 April 27 or July 15 let the office know ASAP to get it replaced.



## Fair Entries

**DUE Monday, July 7 by 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office!**

- *4-H/FFA Fair Entries*
- *Fashion Revue Packets*
- *Livestock Stall Request for Beef, Sheep, Goats and Swine Exhibitors*

Put everything you might bring to the fair on your entry form. **ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 7.** Entries can be emailed or faxed to the Extension Office as well, but they still must be here by **4:00 p.m. on July 7**. We will drop entries from the records if they do not check in at the fair, but we will not add entries at the fair.

The fair schedule is a bit different than the past few years, so 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 fairbook or newsletter, just ask us at the Extension Office!

**Know your exhibit requirements. Read the fairbook. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know the exhibition rules. Not being told is not a valid excuse for lack of personal responsibility.**

## Fashion Revue Packets

For members participating in the Fashion Revue, ONE Fashion Revue packet must be completed per outfit and turned into the Extension Office by Monday, July 7 at 4:00 p.m.

The packet includes 3 pages.

- First page is the class and description of your outfit (What will be read at the Public Fashion Revue -- your script).
- Second page is the Cost per wear form. Included on this form is a spot to **attach a digital photo of the member wearing the outfit.**
- Third page is the judges scorecard that will be returned to the member along with their ribbon and placing at the Public Fashion Revue.

## Fair Items on Website

The following items and information are on the Rolling Prairie - Elk County 4-H website:

(All files below are PDF)

- [4-H Fair Schedule](#)
- [4-H Fair Book](#)
- [Fashion Revue Packet](#) (3 Pages Form Fillable) **DUE July 7 with Fair Entries! One per outfit!**
- [Blank 4-H Entry Form](#)
- [Livestock Stall Request](#) **DUE July 7 with Fair Entries!**
- [Kansas 4-H Photography ID Strip](#)
- [Mounting Photos for Kansas State Fair \(12 page handout\)](#)
- [Photo Display Instructions \(1 page handout\)](#)

- [Frostings and Filling Food Safety Publication](#)
- [Frostings and Fillings Worksheet](#)
- [Livestock Premium Sale Buyers Agreement and Receipt - 2025](#)
- [Kansas State Fair Handbook](#)

## Photography Project



New for Photography exhibits this year! THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO SNAPSHOT EXHIBITS. ***PHOTO ID STRIP: THE KANSAS STATE FAIR 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY ID STRIP (AVAILABLE FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND ONLINE) MUST BE USED AND MOUNTED CORRECTLY ON THE BOTTOM FRONT OF THE MATTE BOARD.***

Photo mats are available from the Extension Office for \$2.00 each. This includes a large Ziploc bag to place your completed project in.

## Sewing & Textile Design, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue Judging

Judging of Sewing & Textile Design, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue projects will be **Thursday, July 10 at West Elk School**. Sewing & Textile Design and Fiber Arts will be judged 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Sewing & Textile Design Fashion Revue judging and Boys Shopping in Style Fashion Revue judging will begin at approximately 10:15 a.m. Girls Shopping in Style Fashion Revue Judging will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The public Fashion Revue will be that evening, **7:00 p.m. at West Elk School.**

## Fairgrounds Cleanup/Setup

4-H families are needed to clean the livestock barns and pens, and setting up the show arena on **Saturday, July 12 at 8:00 a.m.** Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, wire, brooms, and other items.

## Horse Show

The Elk County Horse Show will be **Monday, July 14 at the Moline Rodeo Grounds starting at 9:00 a.m.** All horse events will take place at this time. NO horses are to be brought to the fair except the two Showmanship winners for the Round Robin on Saturday, July 19.

A reminder to Horse Project Members that a negative Coggins Test within the last 12 months is needed to be able to participate in the Horse Show.

The paperwork of a negative Coggins test can be presented at check in of the Horse Show or once you receive the report of a negative test, you are encouraged to email me a copy or drop it off at the Extension Office prior to July 14.

Does anyone have poles for Pole Bending that we can use for the horse show??

## Foods Judging

The 4-H food entries will be judged by consultation, **Tuesday, July 15 at the Cox Building in Howard**. Two judges will be used. 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 - 10:00 a.m.; age 14 and older -- 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.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 Tuesday, July 15 prepared as directed in the fairbook. Then after being judged, a sample of each food's entry will be displayed at the fair on the club's food display table

on Wednesday, July 16. Ribbons will be awarded at the fair on Wednesday.

**Recipe cards are needed for foods exhibits and are available at the Extension Office or you can make your own.** If making your own recipe card, include your name, age, club, class #, name of item, ingredients and directions for making.

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## Livestock Weigh In Schedule

Market animals are to be weighed and checked in on **TUESDAY, JULY 15**. Schedule for the evening is as follows:

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Weigh Market & Breeding Swine  
6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Weigh Market & Breeding Goats  
7:00 - 7:15 p.m. Weigh Market & Breeding Lambs  
7:30 - 7:45 p.m. Weigh Market Beef  
7:45 - 8:00 p.m. Check in Breeding Beef & Bucket Calves

If you have animals weighed and tagged as families, you need to declare at the scales which animal goes with which family member.

**Exhibitors that want to participate in Showmanship must sign up on Tuesday evening.**

Livestock stall cards will be printed at weigh in on Tuesday evening or be available Wednesday morning. Breeding Beef and Bucket Calves may check in and get their stall cards beginning at 7:45 p.m. or after weigh in of market animals is completed.

**FRONTIER FARM CREDIT WILL BE SERVING HOT DOGS BEFORE AND DURING WEIGH IN.**

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## Wednesday, July 16 Schedule Notes

Wednesday evening will be a busy one for fairgoers.

**6:00 p.m.** will be an ice cream social. Teen leaders will be handing out individual ice cream cups to supporters and 4-H families.

**6:30 p.m.** will be the Indoor Exhibits Awards Presentation. Earlier in the day, all the indoor exhibits will be judged and awards will be presented to those champions at this time. A list will be provided of what division and champions will be awarded prior to that day. Please be present if you are receiving an award.

**7:00 p.m.** will be the Little Tikes Showmanship (kids not old enough to be in 4-H). This will be followed by the Barnyard Olympics. Both events are sponsored by and will be run by the Elk County Teen Leaders.

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## Miscellaneous Fair Notes

Exhibit tags do not need to be picked up for 4-H exhibits. The Extension Office will print these for all exhibits and have them available on Wednesday, July 16 when you check in your exhibits. At this time, you will place them on your exhibits. All exhibits must be checked in by 10:00 a.m.

**Visual Arts and Photography** projects will be judged by consultation. 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.

Consultation judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16. **ONLY MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN CONSULTATION JUDGING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE FAIR BUILDING WHILE JUDGING IS TAKING PLACE.**

**CONSULTATION JUDGING ON WEDNESDAY MORNING IS FOR VISUAL ARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS**

## **ONLY!! NO OTHER PROJECTS HAVE CONSULATION JUDGING THAT DAY!**

**Photography:** Photo mats are available from the Extension Office for \$2.00. This includes a large Ziploc bag to place your completed project in. Snapshot exhibits are to be on poster boards.

**Woodworking:** The plan from which it was constructed **MUST** be with the article exhibited. The plan may be a photocopy, the actual pattern, or a scale drawing. It must be complete and accurate to the extent that a duplicate article could be built using the plan as a guide. Please note: a set of step-by-step instructions is not a plan.

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## **Teen Leader Help at Fair**

Included in the newsletter are two pages listing Teen Leaders that have signed up to help at the different events at the fair.

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## **Livestock Skillathon Contest**

**Thursday, July 17, 12:30 p.m.**

A livestock skillathon contest will take place at this time. The skillathon will consist of a written test, some livestock breed identification, and a few other items. There will be a Junior (age 7-13) and Senior (age 14 and older) divisions.

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## **Fair Participants Code of Conduct**

Your participation in 4-H activities carries the responsibility of representing Kansas 4-H to the public. You are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that reflects well on your club as well as yourself. Your contribution to the program is as important as what you receive from the program. Some things to keep in mind as a 4-H member at the fair are:

- ✓ At all times be courteous and display good manners. Language must be appropriate and respectful of others. No swearing. No back talking. No bullying.
  - ✓ Participants will not use tobacco/nicotine, alcohol, drugs, fireworks, or firearms.
  - ✓ Avoid any activity that would cause damage to exhibits, decorations, personal property, room furnishings, permanent facilities, etc.
  - ✓ Avoid any activity that would post a safety issue or nuisance issue.
  - ✓ Animals must be clean and housed with clean bedding and fresh water.
  - ✓ All animal exhibitors are expected to do their share of herdsmanhip duties every day of the fair.
  - ✓ Primary care of animals, pens, and general barn area needs to be completed each day, by the 4-H member. As a 4-H program we want to make the best impression on the public, so animal and barn care needs to continue throughout each day.
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## **Fair Picture Backdrop**

*A volunteer is needed to be in charge of the picture backdrop area for livestock. The backdrop that has been used the last couple of years is at the Extension Office, but someone needs to get it setup and make an area to be used for pictures at the fairgrounds.*

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| <p><b>Livestock Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own bedding at the fair and for cleanup.</b></p> |
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## **Star Spangled Banner**

4-H clubs are responsible for the Star Spangled Banner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday prior to the start of the livestock show that day. Clubs may have members play an instrument, sing, or have a recording of the Star Spangled Banner. Here are the days and times that clubs are responsible for.



**Thursday** (July 17) at 4:45 p.m. -- MSS is responsible for.

**Friday** (July 18) at 8:15 a.m. -- FHB is responsible for.

**Saturday** (July 19) at 8:45 a.m. -- GJ is responsible for.

## 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.

## Livestock Stall Assignments

Stall assignments will be made a few days prior to the fair. The Fairboard and myself are trying our 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 but efforts will be made to keep all clubs and FFA groups together for the different species.

Remember that only animals that are entered are to be stalled. No companion animals are allowed.

Due **JULY 7** is the ***Livestock Stall Request*** for families to complete. Form is available on the Rolling Prairie website.

## Destination Forms and Livestock Premium Sale

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.

A few reminders about the livestock sale.

- The premium sale is not a terminal sale.
- Each 4-H and FFA member may sell one or two animals in the Livestock Premium Sale, provided they have not sold an animal in another county 4-H/FFA Sale. If a member sells two animals, they must be of different species.
- **The premium sale buyer has the first right to buy the animal if they pay the base bid and the premium.**
- Animals must meet the minimum weight requirement for each species to be eligible for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion and the premium sale.
  - Market beef must weigh a minimum of 1050 lbs.
  - Market meat goats must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs.
  - Market lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs.
  - Market hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 lbs.
- Any market animals not meeting the above-mentioned minimum weight requirements will show in an underweight class. They will be eligible to be sold base bid, if one is offered.
- Each animal that sells (base bid and premium) will have at least \$10.00 deducted from their check to pay for sale expenses (buyer ribbons, trucking, and other sale expenses.)

- Financial statements will be made within 14 days or as soon as possible, but no sooner than 7 days after the sale!
- Members must turn in a completed record book with project forms of the species that were exhibited including personal page and permanent record to receive their premium sale dollars. Base bid dollars will be issued separately. FFA members are required to submit SAE record books to receive their premium check.

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## 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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## 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.

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## Teen Leader Help at Fair

<b><u>Clothing Construction/Fashion Revue (1)</u></b>					
<b><u>Foods (2)</u></b>					
Liz Woods					
Peyton Fechter					
<b><u>Indoor Exhibits Check in, Judging and Ribbons (6)</u></b>					
Reghan Ervin					
Liz Woods					
Emma Arbuckle					
Ryatt Griesel					
Miles Stewart					
Jace Wiseman					
<b><u>Poultry</u></b>					
Rachel Humphrey					
<b><u>Rabbit</u></b>					
Maggie Humphrey					
<b><u>Sheep (3)</u></b>					
Announcer -		Emma Arbuckle			
Ring Help		Jaxson Bogdahn			
Hand out Awards		Jayton Bogdahn			
<b><u>Goats (3)</u></b>					
Announcer -		Reghan Ervin			
Ring Help		Corbin Arbuckle & Ryatt Griesel			
Hand out Awards		Emma Arbuckle			
<b><u>Swine (3)</u></b>					
Announcer -		Peyton Fechter			
Ring Help		Ryatt Griesel and Braxton Wilson			
Hand out Awards		Reghan Ervin and Cooper Wilson			
<b><u>Beef (3)</u></b>					
Announcer -		Liz Woods			
Ring Help		Jayton Bogdahn			
Hand out Awards		Miles Stewart			
<b><u>Indoor Exhibits Awards Presentation</u></b>					
Announcer -		Emma Arbuckle			
Hand out Awards -		Jaxson Bogdahn and Liz Woods			



## Teen Leader Help at Fair

<b><u>Ice Cream Social</u></b>					
Liz Woods					
Corbin Arbuckle					
<b><u>Little Tikes Showmanship</u></b>					
Liz Woods					
Reghan Ervin					
Corbin Arbuckle					
Ryatt Griesel					
Peyton Fechter					
Jaxson Bogdahn					
<b><u>Barnyard Olympics</u></b>					
Emma Arbuckle					
Katie Kraft					
Jayton Bogdahn					
Miles Stewart					
Jace Wiseman					
<i>Barnyard Olympics Details</i>					
4 person teams -- \$5.00 entry fees per team					
Team makeup: 1 age 7-9; 1 age 10-13; 1 age 14-17; 1 age 18 +					
Sign up by Wednesday, July 16 at 4:00 p.m.					
Emma will make flyer about event.					
<i>Supplies to bring:</i>					
Hay Bags (2) - Emma					
Pooper Scoopers (2) - Katie & Jaxson					
Watermelons (10) - Liz					
Balloons - Richard					
Tires (2) - Katie					
<b><u>VIP Showmanship - Beef/ Bucket Calf</u></b>					
<i>VIP's and who to ask them:</i>					
Penny Swanson - Peyton					
Juanita Miller - Emma					
Rod Bruner - Jaxson					
Abbie McAlister - Peyton					
Alex Fulsom - Liz					
Rachel Ware - Katie					
Caleb Walker - Miles					
Mr. Barnes - Jayton					
<b><u>Pool Party -</u></b> Saturday after Premium Sale is preferred choice.					
Peyton Fechter will make arrangements.					