

Elk County 4-H News

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4-H Calendar of Events

June 1	Horse IDs Due
June 3	Southeast Area Livestock Contests -- Iola
June 4	4-H Council -- 6:30 p.m.
June 12	Southeast Area Crops, Horticulture, Photography, and FCS Contests -- Emporia
June 15	KSF/KJLS Commercial Heifer, Market/Commercial Sheep, Swine, Goat Nominations Due
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 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 15	KJLS Entries Due

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**Teen Leaders will meet in June. A date has not been set yet, but be watching your email and Facebook for the meeting date and details. Fair responsibilities, Barnyard Olympics, Little Tikes Showmanship, Pool Party, and other items are to be discussed.**

## June and July Notes

With school out, 4-H events, summer ball and camps are happening. With everything going on, please check your calendars for due dates and dates of activities so you do not miss anything. June is going to fly by and soon the county fair will be here. We are less than 50 days away; depending on when you read this.

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4-H Council

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 6:30 p.m.
Extension Meeting Room, Howard

4-H Council will meet on **Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.** at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard. Plans for the upcoming fair will be discussed. I know there will be a few members that are unable to attend as they will be at Girls or Boys State, so if you cannot attend, please send someone else from your club.

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## Favorite Food Show

The Elk County Favorite Food Show was held on Wednesday, May 28. Seven members set up tables. Pictures of the 4-H'ers, their tables, and the results are posted on the Elk County 4-H Facebook page. Check them out and plan to participate next year.

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YQCA Certification

One of the requirements for those who plan to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS is that ALL exhibitors are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification to be eligible for either show in 2025.

FOR ELK COUNTY MEMBERS: Each 4-H/FFA member who 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 the training, members will receive a certification number. That information will need to be forwarded to Stephanie Bogdahn.

If you attended a face-to-face training, ensure you have registered, paid the \$3.00 fee, and taken the pre-test and post-test. All this must be done before you can get your certification.

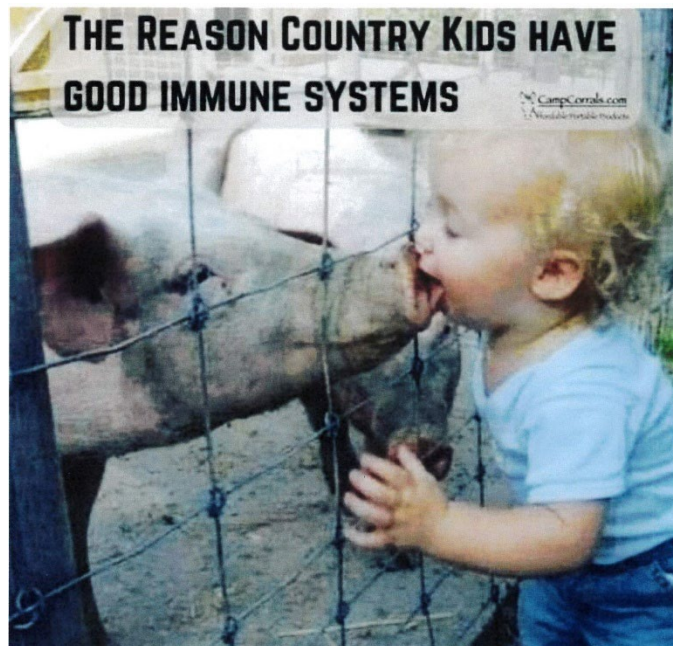
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## Livestock Weight Charts

Livestock weight charts are posted to the Rolling Prairie website under Elk County 4-H. Take a look at these to help you determine how much weight your animals need to gain to meet the premium sale requirements.

<https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/livestock/index.html>

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State Livestock Nominations

To nominate animals for the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show, families will purchase DNA envelopes in advance, submit their animal and exhibitor information online, and mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations online. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2024) must use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the Youth Livestock Program for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account.

All market animals and commercial females that youth would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS must be nominated. Market Beef nominations were due May 1, and Small Animals are due by June 15. The deadline to order DNA envelopes for small animals is June 5.

Information may be found under the “Nomination Information” tab on the youth livestock website: <http://bit.ly/ksunominations>. Families are encouraged to use the resources available, especially the Rookie Guide.

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 to check in at the fair. So, whether you lost a tag on April 20 or July 15, let the office know ASAP to get it replaced.

Jim Williams Memorial Scholarship

Several years ago, this scholarship was set up for Elk County 4-H members to receive up to \$50 to attend an out-of-county 4-H event. The *Scholarship is for attending events like 4-H Camp, Citizenship in Action, KYLF, Livestock Judging Camp, Junior*

National Beef Shows, Discovery Days, Geology Field Trip, etc. NOT one day judging contests or events such as SE Area Contests, Livestock Judging Contests, or spring shows.

Mandatory requirements to receive up to a \$50 scholarship for an out-of-county 4-H event:

- Write a paragraph about why you want to attend this event and attach it to this form.
- 4-H members must meet at least 5 of the requirements listed below. Unless stated otherwise, all requirements must have been completed within the past 12 months.
- Turned in a completed record book to the Extension Office for the previous 4-H year. This is not a requirement for first-year members.

Here is a link to the application:

<https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/scholarships/index.html>

The application must accompany the registration form and payment for the 4-H event when submitted to the Extension Office.

Horse IDs

Horse project members must turn in Horse IDs by June 1 for horses they want to show at the county fair and/or the Kansas State Fair. Here is a link to the Horse ID form to be used.



<https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/livestock/>

Fairbooks & Fair Entry Forms

Fairbooks and fair entry forms are now available for clubs and/or families to pick up at the Extension Office. Fashion Revue Packets are available on the Rolling Prairie website. For more information about the fair, go to the following website:

<http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/index.html>

4-H/FFA fair entries and Fashion Revue Packets are due **Monday, July 7 by 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.**

If families are planning to exhibit beef, sheep, goats or swine, there is a livestock stall request to complete that is **due July 7.**

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.

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!

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.

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.

Southeast Area Contests

Included in the newsletter are two flyers with information about the Southeast Area Contests in the month of June.

Star Spangled Banner

4-H clubs are responsible for the Star Spangled Banner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning 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.

The Importance of Weighing Your Feed

You've probably heard it a time or two, but doing the simple things right is the fastest way to reach your goal. A lot of decisions go into what you are going to feed your show animals. So, when you dump that bucket of feed into the pan or trough morning and night, you want to make sure your animals are getting exactly the right amount.

One of the best investments you can make for your barn or feed room is a simple fishing scale or postal scale. This allows you to weigh each bucket and measure out the correct amount of feed. The reason why we encourage people to stay away from the coffee can or feed scoop method is:

1. Your coffee can or feed scoop might not be the same size as your friends'. When you are consulting back with the breeder of your animal, and you tell him or her you are feeding a scoop of this or two scoops of that, that isn't giving an accurate picture of what you are feeding.
2. Different grains and supplements weigh different amounts even though the volume might be the same. For example, a scoop of oats vs. a scoop of corn vs. a scoop of cottonseed hulls will be very different weights.

Weighing your feed every day also keeps you consistent. It is easy for you to start to eyeball what you think 15 lbs. looks like, then realize you have only been feeding 13 or 14 lbs. once you weigh your bucket. By taking the extra step to weigh your

feed, you'll ensure your show animals are on the right track for success.

(From Sure Champ Blog 1-11-17)

4-H Record Books and Achievement Pin Applications

Information about record books, project forms, excellence in project achievement awards, and achievement pin applications is on the Rolling Prairie website at <https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/recordbooks/index.html>

Now is the time to download the forms and look at them to see what activities and events you need to participate in to earn those awards at the end of the 4-H year. If you have questions or need to know which pin your member is up for this year, ask me before you start that application. Read the entire description and instructions on the forms.

From the Fitters Edge Blade Sharpening Facebook Page:

This could ruffle a few feathers....

This industry teaches hard work and perseverance.

Character development is worth far more than any prize your child will ever receive.

Nothing wrong with your kids wanting to earn prizes, just don't forget the value of showing will never be found in an award for winning.

Parents :

If you're teaching your kids to show to win prizes.... you're missing the point of the industry.



Southeast Area LIVESTOCK CONTEST

June 3, 2025

The event will be held at the Allen County Fairgrounds at Riverside Park in Iola, KS, and is open to all 4-H members. Registration will take place at the Community Building, with a cost of \$10.00 per contestant due at check-in. A short break will be provided during the livestock judging contest between judging and reasons for snacks, water, and restroom breaks (NO LUNCH.) Results will be shortly following the conclusion of reasons. Pre-registration of numbers coming to the contest through local extension agents is encouraged to help us adequately plan for food needs. Teams and names can be decided on the day of the contest and submitted at check-in.



There will be a drawing for participants. For every event you participate in, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$100

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Livestock Judging

Registration from 8:30-9:30 AM

Contest starts at 10:00 AM

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Meats Judging

Registration at 7:30 AM

Contest starts at 8:00 AM

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Livestock Skillathon

8:00 AM- 10:00 AM - Come and participate at your leisure.



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SPRING BUCKET CALF SHOW



WHERE? CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
WHEN? JUNE 7 @ 10:00AM
OPEN TO 4-H BUCKET CALF MEMBERS FROM
SURROUNDING COUNTIES

PRIZES FOR GRAND, RESERVE AND THIRD PLACE

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2025 Southeast Region 4-H Youth Challenge Day Thursday, June 12, Emporia Kansas – Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Judging Contests
Crops, Photography, Family & Consumer Science and Horticulture
(open to all ages 9-18 before Jan 1)

Location: Anderson Building on Lyon County Fairgrounds, behind the Lyon County Extension Office, located at 2632 W US Hwy 50, Emporia, KS 66801

9:30 a.m. Registration for Horticulture, Crops, FCS and Photo Contests

Favorite Foods Registration and set up. Participants are asked to check in at Favorite Foods table after they have registered at the main registration table before setting up. **Favorite Food participants must be registered and set up by 10:30 a.m.** Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. Local offices will have information about pre-registering Favorite Food Participants.

10:00 a.m. Horticulture, Crops, FCS and Photo Contest Instructions

10:15 a.m. Horticulture, Crops, FCS and Photo Contest begins. Horticulture is a timed contest and must be completed first.

10:30 a.m. Favorite Foods Judging Begins

All morning contests completed by noon. Favorite Foods completed by 12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own.

1:15 p.m. Recognition for Horticulture, FCS, Crops, Photo and Favorite Foods

Divisions

Intermediate Division - Ages 9-13, (before Jan. 1)

Senior Division - Ages 14-18 (before Jan. 1)

FCS and Photo will offer a non-competitive/mini experience for 7-8 years old (free) There may be others too!

Favorite Foods Show
(for local SE Ext. Unit Winners)

For every contest a 4-Her participates in, their name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$100.

COST: \$10.00 per person, judge as many contests as you would like, exact change is appreciated, checks accepted. \$10 includes, any judging contests, and favorite foods if youth qualified locally, awards for winners

For Questions, please contact:

Horticulture

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Photography

Maddy Wallace: 316-321-9660, mgwallac@ksu.edu

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Favorite Foods

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