Elk County 4-H News

February 2021

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4-H Calendar of Events

February
1    Registration Deadline for Citizenship in Action
3    Elk County 4-H Council Meeting
8    Registration Due for Kansas Jr Swine Producer Week
14   4-H Council Valentines Steak Supper
14-15 Citizenship in Action -- Virtual
15-20 Kansas Jr Swine Producer Week -- Virtual
19   4-H Club Day Entries Due
21   Beef Weigh In and Tag Day (143 days) -- Howard Fairgrounds

March
1    Submission Deadline for Kansas 4-H and Elk County 4-H Scholarships
6    Elk County 4-H Club Day
8    Registration Due for Kansas Jr Meat Goat Producer Week
15-20 Kansas Jr Meat Goat Producer Week -- Virtual
20   Regional 4-H Day -- Burlington

April
23-24 Small Animal Weigh In and Tag Day -- (82 and 81 days)

May
3    Project Drop/Add Deadline

June
14   Counselors to 4-H Camp -- Rock Springs
15-18 4-H Camp -- Rock Springs

July
14 - 17 Elk County 4-H Fair -- Howard
4-H Council

4-H Council will meet Wednesday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. A Zoom link will be sent out next week to council members and club leaders for you to connect and participate.

The agenda items include:
- Steak Dinner
- 4-H Project Report Forms and Record Books
- Fair Awards
- Other New Business

The Howard Office has new office hours. We are open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Valentine’s Steak Dinner

Sunday, February 14 -- Grenola Community Building

4:30 - 7:00 p.m. -- $20 per person. Dine In or Take out is available.

Tickets are available at the Extension Office for clubs to pick up and sell.

4-H Scholarships

NEW PROCESS FOR 2021! Applications for ALL 2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2021.

Please note that you will now be required to upload some files that would have previously been emailed. Listed below each scholarship application link are the required files that you will need to upload in addition to completing the application. While the more detailed applications allow you to begin, close and return/reopen, it is suggested to have your files ready to upload when you start the application process. ALL DOCUMENTS FOR UPLOAD MUST BE IN .PDF FILE FORMAT.

Before uploading files, please follow these guidelines for naming your files:
- Start ALL file names with your FIRST INITIAL AND LAST NAME.
- Add the type of document, i.e., Resume, Transcript, Reference
- Example: DRATLIFF Transcript.PDF

PLEASE NOTE – No paper applications or recommendation letters will be accepted.

Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application Link - Application

You will be asked for your 4-H Extension Agents Name and Email address in the application, for us to attain approval.

Files needed for Upload
- Current Official Transcript from your high school or college/university
- Two-page Resume of Accomplishments-
  - Page one, single-spaced summary of 4-H significant leadership, community service, participation, and recognition, up to and including the current 4-H year. Bullet lists or tables may be used. Start with the most recent accomplishments. Label the 4-H activities: L=local; C/D= County/District; A/R= Area/Regional; S=State; N=National; I= International. Page two single-spaced summary of non-4-H leadership, community service, participation and recognition in school and community, up to and including the current 4-H year. Start with the most recent accomplishments.

NEW QUESTION with request for URL.
- Provide a URL from a pre-recorded short (4 minutes maximum length video of you answering the following question - Take time to dress appropriately and answer professionally
  1. How has 4-H impacted you?

Video URL Options - Please click this link to find helpful information on creating a YouTube video and accessing the URL for entry on the application. Your YouTube URL is only viewable
to the individuals who have the unique link. Please leave your video up for an entire year as Kansas 4-H and the Kansas 4-H Foundation will use these for promotions and stewardship.

**Kansas 4-H Recommendation Letter Link** - [Application](#)
Files needed for Upload
- Recommendation Letter

**New Vanier Application Link** – [Application](#)
Files needed for Upload
- 1 Page Resume that Includes 4-H Accomplishments
- Current Official Transcript from your high school or college/university

**New Vanier Applicant References Link** - [Application](#)

**Kansas 4-H Scholarship listing for 2021** click [here](#)

The application that you submit for the Kansas 4-H Scholarship will be used for the Elk County 4-H Scholarship.

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**Elk County 4-H Club Day**

4-H Club Day is set for **Saturday, March 6** at West Elk High School in Howard. Entries are due in the Extension Office **Friday, February 19**.

Entries will be done different this year. A google docs form will be emailed out to families to make entries on.

4-H Club Day will be a bit different this year. Due to Kansas State University guidelines, members may participate either in person or virtually. For those that do not feel comfortable coming to Club Days on March 6, they may participate virtually. On the entry form there will be a spot for you to check if you want to perform virtually. If you choose this option, a time will be scheduled for you on March 6 to participate via Zoom.

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).

At this link to the Rolling Prairie website, [https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/activities/index.html#ClubDays](https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/activities/index.html#ClubDays) 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.

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**Livestock Tagging**

If you wish to exhibit an animal of any species at the 2021 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 2021 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 February 21 or have registration papers by that date. Breeding meat goats, sheep and swine must be tagged on April 23 or 24 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.

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Beef Weigh In

Sunday, February 21
2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at Howard Fairgrounds

Weigh in and tag day will be Sunday, February 21 at the Howard Fairgrounds. Tags will cost $3.00.

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 the size of animal to purchase or after spring weigh in how much weight they need to gain to meet the premium sale requirements.

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

YQCA Requirement for 2021 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 7-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

The fourth year of curriculum materials was launched in October 2020, and youth are welcome to begin completing the training at any time. ALL exhibitors, including youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), will need to be YQCA certified by June 15. Your certification from any previous year does not carry over to this year. A new certification must occur each year.

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, 2021.

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. Members may complete an online course. Once you complete a training, members will receive a certification number. That information will need to be forwarded to Stephanie Bogdahn.

How to get your YQCA Certification online:
- Go to https://yqca.learngrow.io
- Sign in with your 4-HOnline credentials.
- Select your course based on your age.
- Select purchase course and complete the web-based training.
- Once completed, save, and print your certificate and send copy to Stephanie Bogdahn.

Drop/Add Project Deadline

Even though you needed to be enrolled by December 1 to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair, you have until May 3 to make changes in your projects. You can do this through 4HOnline or call the Extension Office and we can do it for you. If you are trying to do this in 4HOnline, after May 3 it will not allow you to make any changes.

At the Extension Office, we still have some Record Books, Officer Notebooks and Achievement Awards that need to be picked up. Please pickup at your earliest convenience!
Please join us February 15-20 for a virtual Kansas Junior Swine Producer Week. This educational event will span a week of sessions during which youth, parents, swine project leaders and adults can increase their knowledge of swine production and management practices. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by K-State faculty members and graduate students, as well as guest speakers. Sessions will be conducted during the week, with the program concluding on Saturday morning. All presentations will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows. The program is free this year, but all attendees will need to register using the link provided below.

Register Online by February 8!

Schedule (tentative):

**Tuesday, February 16**
- 6:30 PM  Selection
- 7:15 PM  Nutrition & Daily Feeding
- 7:45 PM  Wrap-up

**Thursday, February 18**
- 6:30 PM  Meat Science & Cookery
- 7:00 PM  Health Management & Diseases
- 7:30 PM  Wrap-up

**Saturday, February 20**
- 9:00 AM  Equipment & Daily Care
- 9:30 AM  Clipping & Show Day Prep
- 10:00 AM  Showmanship
- 10:45 AM  Q&A, Final Wrap-up
- 1:00 PM  State Livestock Nominations*  
  (*optional for those interested in exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or KJLS)


Although the program is being provided free of charge, thanks to our generous sponsors, we do need **ALL** participants to register, including **youth** and **adults**.

Make sure to use a valid email address that a member of your household checks regularly, as we’ll be relying on email correspondence leading up to the program.

Watch your email the week of February 8 for attendee details and specific links!
### County & Regional 4-H Day Guidelines

**Junior Division - 7-13 years**
**Senior Division - 14 & over**
**Revised 5/15**

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**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

**Project Talks** (tells about project)
Individual, Jr. only Must be enrolled in project 2-7 minutes, visuals optional 2

**Public Speaking** (original presentation)
Individual, Sr. only maximum 15 minutes, visuals optional, provide outline, 1-2 notecards suggested 2

**Demonstration & Illustrated Talks** (shows how or tells how)
Individual or team of 2 Must be enrolled in project 2 Junior, 2 senior Maximum time 15 minutes Includes set-up & presentation 2 Junior 2 Senior

**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

**Sr. Gavel Games**
Teams of 4, all participants will take a written test, may not use notes, will draw for positions. See Gavel Games manual for requirements 10-15 minutes parliamentary presentation 1

**Jr. Gavel Games**
Teams of 4, all participants will take a written test, may not use notes, will not draw for positions. See Gavel Games manual for requirements 10-15 minutes parliamentary presentation 1

**Model Meetings**
(Main Motion, Subsidiary Motion, Incidental Motion, Privileged Motion & Unclassified Motion)
All club participation (Find motions in: A Guide to Parliamentary Practice for your club.. pg 2-3) 35 minute meeting (includes roll call and recreation) Provide agenda, present secretary book & notes after meeting. Must do all 5 types of motions. 1

**All music entries must bring the original sheet music for the judge and have measures numbered. Instrumental entries will not have to be memorized. All vocal numbers must be memorized. Pre-recorded music accompaniment is allowed.**
Junk in a Bucket 2021

Each entrant will be given a bucket of junk to create an item for entering in the county fair. Buckets will be available on March 6 at 4-H Club Day or can be picked up at the Extension Office anytime after that.

Ground Rules for Junk in a Bucket:

1. Pre-entry is required and will be due by February 19, 2021 to the Rolling Prairie Extension District - Howard Office.
2. Photos of each bucket will be taken. NO extra materials may be used in the creation of the project.
3. Any of the items in the bucket MAY be cut or reconfigured, but NO items may be added.
4. 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.
5. In creating the project, all items in the bucket DO NOT have to be used.
6. Projects may be painted, but it is not required.
7. ALL buckets and items not used should 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.
8. Only 4-H’ers entered may participate in this event. This is an individual person project; NOT a team or club project.
9. Special prizes will be awarded in three age divisions: Junior Intermediate and Senior. Prizes will be based on creativity and originality of the project.

Entry Form for Junk in a Bucket:

Name: __________________________________________________________

Club: __________________________________________________________

Age (January 1, 2021): ________________________________

(Due by February 19)
Join us March 15-20 for a virtual Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week. This educational event will span a week of sessions during which youth, parents, meat goat project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge of meat goat production and management practices. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students, and guest speakers. Sessions will be conducted during the week, with the program concluding on Saturday morning. All presentations will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows. The program is free this year, but all attendees will need to register using the link below.

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**Thanks To Our Sponsors!**
- Essential Show Feeds
- Valley Vet Supply
- K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry

**Door Prizes!**
We will be drawing for show equipment and supplies!

**Questions?**
**Contact:**
Lexie Hayes
adhayes@ksu.edu
785-532-1264

**To Register Online:** https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek

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