Elk County 4-H News

February 2023

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4-H Calendar of Events

February
1  4-H Council Meeting
1  Citizenship in Action Registration Deadline
12 4-H Day with K-State Women’s Basketball Game
13 4-H Club Day, Favorite Food Show and Junk in a Bucket Entries Due
19-20 Citizenship in Action -- Topeka
25 Elk County 4-H Club Day and Favorite Food Show -- West Elk School
26 Beef Weigh In and Tag Day -- Howard Veterinary Clinic

March
1  Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
11  KSU Jr Swine Producer Day
15  4-H Records Workshop
18  KSU Jr Meat Goat Producer Day
22  YQCA Training -- Howard
25  Regional 4-H Club Day -- Madison
25  4-H Council Steak Supper Fundraiser -- Grenola
30  Southeast Area Judges Training -- Parsons
31  Elk County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due

April
5  4-H Council Meeting
7  Good Friday -- Offices Closed
21 & 22 Sheep/Swine/Meat Goat Weigh In and Tag Day -- Howard Fairgrounds
22  Chautauqua County Spring Beef Show -- Sedan
26  YQCA Training -- Sedan

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4-H Club Day, Favorite Food Show and Junk in a Bucket

The Favorite Food Show will be held this year the same day as 4-H Club Day, February 25 at West Elk School. Entries for 4-H Club Day, Favorite Food Show and Junk in a Bucket are all due by Monday, February 13. Information has been posted to the Rolling Prairie website, under Elk County 4-H, as well as entry forms for these events. Each of these events now has their own page. Go to: https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/

Refer to the January 4-H newsletter for complete information about 4-H Club Day events.

Refer to the Rolling Prairie website and go to the Elk County 4-H section. I have made a few changes of where information is located and added some items as well.

4-H Council

4-H Council will meet Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda items include:
- Steak Dinner
- Fair Awards
- Fair Events
- Other New Business

Citizenship in Action

What: Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you’ll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

When: February 19-20, 2023

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Registration Deadline: February 1, 2023

Livestock Tagging

If you wish to exhibit an animal of any species at the 2023 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. Breeding animals that were tagged in previous years are eligible for the 2023, so long as the previous year’s tag is still in its ear. Therefore, they do not need to be retagged.

Breeding beef heifers must be tagged at the weigh in and tag day February 26 or have registration papers by that date. Breeding meat goats, sheep and swine must be tagged on April 21 or 22 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.

Beef Weigh In

Sunday, February 26
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Howard Veterinary Clinic

Weigh in and tag day will be Sunday, February 26 at the Howard Veterinary Clinic. Tags will cost $4.00.
Livestock Sale Changes for 2023

For members and families interested in enrolling in market livestock projects, there are some rule changes that were made by the Livestock Sale Committee for 2023.

There will be no rate of gain requirements for all species to be eligible for the premium sale. However, all animals must still be tagged at the spring weigh ins and tag day(s). Rate of gain winners will still be recognized at the county fair. Also, the only weight requirement is a minimum weight for each species. Those are as follows:

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<td>Market Beef</td>
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<td>minimum of 220 lbs.</td>
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<td>minimum of 100 lbs.</td>
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<td>Market Goat</td>
<td>minimum of 60 lbs.</td>
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Updated weight charts for all species have been updated and posted to the Elk County 4-H website under the livestock.

Kansas 4-H and Elk County 4-H Scholarships

If you are a high school senior or college student start thinking about applying for 4-H scholarships now. The Kansas 4-H Foundation partners with Kansas 4-H to offer over 50 different scholarships to help fund higher education for 4-H youth who are high school seniors or older.

Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications are due by March 1. The application for the Elk County 4-H Scholarship is due March 31. Here is a link to information and the application for both the Kansas and Elk County scholarships.

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

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Changes to the Kansas 4-H Horse Project for 2023

The Kansas 4-H Horse Project released changes for the 2023 program year. Complete information is available at https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/index.html.

Beginning with the 2023 4-H Program Year, Kansas 4-H Horse Project Members who are currently enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project are eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show if:

The horse is properly identified for the Kansas 4-H Horse Project either by a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-Her's or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, or b) identifying with a Kansas 4-H Horse ID Form signed by the local extension agent by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. The 4-H member must have a copy of the 4-H Horse ID form signed by the local agent or a copy of the horse’s registration papers on file with their local extension office by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. Exhibit a properly identified horse at a horse show in a class group and be qualified to exhibit in any class included in that group. The horse show need not be a “4-H” show. Shows may include: open shows, circuits, local associations (SCSHA, etc), breed/discipline associations (AQHA, APHA, NRHA etc.).

Qualification for each group is based on one horse/rider combination. Exception: If a 4-Her qualifies more than one mare/gelding in the same halter class. In this case, another 4-Her can show the second horse in the appropriate halter class at the State Fair.

Jr Swine Producer Day -- Saturday, March 11
Register by February 15

Jr Meat Goat Producer Day -- Saturday, March 18
Register by February 22

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Register by February 15

Jr Meat Goat Producer Day -- Saturday, March 18
Register by February 22
Group 1 Halter, Showmanship

Group 2 Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat
Equitation, Hunter Hack, Saddleseat Pleasure,
Saddleseat Equitation

Group 3 Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship,
Trail

Group 4 Ranch Rail, Ranch Pattern, Ranch Trail,
Reining

Group 5 Barrels, Poles, Flags

Complete the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar Safety
Episode with quiz annually before completing the
State Fair Entry. Complete online entry information
for the Kansas State 4-H Horse Show via ShoWorks
by August 1 of the current program year.

Exhibitors will be limited to entering only those
classes in which they qualified for a particular
horse.

Exhibitors should be prepared to show proof of
exhibition via signed affidavit by show
management.

The qualification period will be from October 1-
August 1 of the current 4-H program year.

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**Spring Shows, Sales, Judging and Other Contests**

Many of these events are starting to occur and the
Extension Office is receiving information about
these. I am including on the Rolling Prairie website
a list of these as I receive them. Here is the link to
these: [http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/springshows/index.html](http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/springshows/index.html)

These events are listed FOR INFORMATION
PURPOSES ONLY! No endorsement of any event
is intended. For more information about any of
these, contact the Extension Office. Some of these
have a pre-registration deadline, so do not wait until
the last minute to inquire about a contest or
event. Check back often as list will be updated
when notices are received at the office.

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**Kansas 4-H Animal Science Webinar Series**

The Animal Science Webinar Series is a new
program designed to give Kansas 4-H’ers an
opportunity to learn more about the livestock
industry, career opportunities, and good animal
husbandry practices. Webinars will be hosted the
fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and cover
a variety of topics throughout the year. Participants
need to register in advance to receive a link to the
meeting and materials. For more information,
including the registration link, visit the [Kansas 4-H
Animal Science webpage](http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/springshows/index.html).

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**Bucket Calves**

Dairy cattle/goats and bucket calves need to be
tagged and recorded with the Extension Office by
May 1 of the current year. Tags are available at the
Extension Office and cost is $2.00. Pickup a tag at

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ELIGIBILITY:
- Open to Elk County residents and out of county Elk 4-H/FFA Members. Age as of January 1, 2023
- Lord/Lady - 6 years or younger boys and girls, Entry deadline May 15, 2023
- Dutch/Dutchess - 7-9 year old boys and girls, Entry deadline February 13, 2023
- Prince/Princess - 10-13 year old boys and girls, Entry deadline February 13, 2023
- King/Queen - 14-18 year old boys and girls, Entry deadline February 13, 2023

REQUIREMENTS
- Lord/Lady Candidates - submit 1 high quality photo to be displayed
- All other Candidates - submit 1 high quality photo to be displayed, up to 1 page essay with the topic “What does the County Fair mean to me”, and participate in Interview at Elk County Club Days on February 25, 2023
- Submit the essay by May 1, 2023 and the photo by May 15, 2023
- Submit photo and essay to arbucklecrew@gmail.com or text to 620-550-1345

Voting/Scoring
- All photos will be displayed around the county and will be voted on by monetary donations. For Prince/Princess this will be 100% of your score. For other royalty this will be 20% of your total score
- Essay and interview for all royalty other than Prince/Princess will each be 40% of your score.
- Winners will be announced after the 4-H Fashion Review July 12, 2023 at West Elk School.

Winners will ride on a float for the Elk County Fair Parade in Howard Saturday July 22, 2023. The Royalty will also help hand out awards at the 4-H/FFA awards presentation on Saturday July 22, 2023. The money raised from photos will be used to purchase awards for all royalty with additional proceeds going to Elk County 4-H Council. For more information contact Emma Arbuckle, 2023 Kansas Junior Miss Agriculture USA, via call or text 620-218-9183 or Andrea Arbuckle 620-550-1345.
2023
ELK COUNTY FAIR
ROYALTY PROGRAM

Candidate Name: ________________________
Age as of January 1, 2023:_________________

Check entry category:
- Lord (6 or younger boy)
- Lady (6 or younger girl)
- Dutch (7-9 year old boy)
- Dutchess (7-9 year old girl)
- Prince (10-13 year old boy)
- Princess (10-13 year old girl)
- King (14-18 year old boy)
- Queen (14-18 year old girl)

Parent’s Names:________________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________ Text: Y/N

Hometown:_____________________________________

Please return form to arbucklecrew@gmail.com or text to 620-550-1345