Elk County 4-H News

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4-H Calendar of Events

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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 about these events. Each of these events now has their own page. Go to: https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/

Horse Panorama

Horse Panorama is January 28 at the K-State Salina Campus in Salina. The event is for 4-H Members ages 9-18 and adult volunteers. Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse Project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography and educational posters.

Registration is due January 10. For more information go to the Horse Panorama webpage.

4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball

4-H Day with the Wildcat Women’s Basketball is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, at 1:00 p.m. as the Wildcats take on the Oklahoma Sooners! For $25, each attendee will receive a ticket to the game, an awesome game day t-shirt and a $10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. This year, a ticket/voucher option with no t-shirt is available for $15. Register at https://conta.cc/3UkNwIO by January 15.

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: Coming Soon

Registration Deadline: February 1, 2023

Questions on 4-H Club Day

Are you unsure of what a project talk, demonstration or illustrated talk is? Or, maybe you have no idea what 4-H Club Day is. Well, to ease your confusion, here is some information about 4-H Club Day.

Updated score sheets for each Club Day category and other information about 4-H Club Day are on the Rolling Prairie website at https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/elk4-hclubday/index.html

Entry forms for club days are on the above mentioned website.

What is 4-H Club Day? - 4-H Club Day is where 4-H'ers can participate in activities either as a group or an individual. Activities can range from model meetings, demonstrations, project talks, dancing,
music, dramatics, etc. It is competitive, with judges giving ratings in top blue, blue, red, and white placings. It is a good time for 4-H'ers to develop self-confidence and poise. It is an opportunity to perform in front of others and share one's 4-H experience.

**What is a Project Talk?** - Quite simply it is a talk about one of your projects. It can tell about your experiences in the project and/or give information relating to your project. The talk should be over something you are familiar with and be of interest to yourself and others. Questions are not asked at the end of a project talk.

**PLEASE NOTE: PROJECT TALKS ARE FOR MEMBERS 7 - 11 years old**

**Project Talk**
1. Tells about
2. Purpose: To inform
3. Visuals: Charts only

**Demonstrations?** - A demonstration is simply showing and telling how to do something. It is a teaching method. Most demonstrations incorporate an introduction, a body that is the "Show and Tell" part, and a summary to stress the important parts of your demonstration.

**Demonstration**
1. Shows how
2. Purpose: To teach
3. Visuals: Charts and aids for making product

**Illustrated Talk?** - An illustrated talk is talking and telling how to do something by using pictures, charts, models, equipment, and other types of visual aids.

**Illustrated Talk**
1. Tells how
2. Purpose: To teach
3. Visuals: Models, charts

**Show N Share Talk?** - This is for first year members only! It is an opportunity for them to give a talk or presentation in front of people for the first time. The judge will provide comments to the 4-H'er and they will receive a ribbon. These talks are not eligible for Regional 4-H Club Day.

**Gavel Games**

Parliamentary procedure is one of the lasting skills identified by former 4-H members that was developed during their 4-H years.

Gavel Games is designed to teach parliamentary procedure in a fun, meaningful way. In a Gavel Games contest, four 4-H’ers make up a team and act as officers for a 4-H business model meeting. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are the only officers in this parliamentary exercise.

Each team takes a written test as well. Part of the test is the order of business. Teams receive a score on both the written test and oral presentation. Age divisions are Junior (13 and under) and Senior (14 and older).

If anyone is interested in Gavel Games or would like more information, let me know. I will be glad to help anyone wanting to try this. Clubs and members can do both model meeting and Gavel Games if they want to. Members on a Gavel Games team do not have to be from the same 4-H club.

On our website, under Club Days, is a publication about Gavel Games. This is a document that I developed, and it is being used by all the counties in our Regional 4-H Club Day group.

**Model Meetings**

Clubs performing a model meeting are required to make at least one motion from the five types of motions. The types of motions are: Main, Subsidiary, Incidental, Privileged, and Unclassified. Motions that fall under these categories/types can be found in *A Guide to Parliamentary Practice for your Club* on pages 2-3 or in *The Meeting Will Come To Order* on page 18.
Senior Job Interview Contest at Club Days

This contest is for members age 14 - 18. Public speaking is one of the most important life skills 4-Hers develop over their 4-H careers. Yep, that’s right. You are developing career-based skills, and 4-H Club Day is one opportunity to develop and showcase these skills.

In 2023, Chase, Chautauqua, Coffey, Elk, Greenwood, Lyon and Morris counties will debut a Job Interview contest at their local club day for 4-H’ers in the senior division ages 14-18. County winners will have the opportunity to compete at Regional 4-H Club Day.

Many of you may already have a cover letter and a resume put together for your project record book area screening requirement. With the cover letter and resume a new requirement for area and state, the Job Interview will give you another place to utilize the work you’ve already done (or encourage you to get these important career-based tools ready!). The guidelines and project specific work that is required for area record judging will be your guideline for preparing for this portion of the contest.

Page 10-11 and page 13 includes information on the cover letter and resume: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/docs/projectrecordsandawards/Master%20Guide%20to%20KS%204-H%20Project%20Recognition%20System.pdf

Job Interview contest expectations:

- 4-Hers will present a prepared cover letter and resume following the state record keeping guide. You will be able to use the cover letter and resume that you already put together for the area screening (or this will help you get this step of career employment started).
- 4-Hers will be interviewed by a potential employer/boss or panel of interviewers
- The interview will focus on the Job Description provided. The same Job Description will be used at both your local and regional 4-H Club Day competitions
- Interviews will be timed and will last no longer than 20 minutes
- The 4-Her who is selected as the top candidate for the job at each county contest will earn the right to compete in the Job Interview at Regional 4-H Club Day March 25 in Madison. One alternate can be selected to attend if the top candidate wishes not to compete.

This is a mock interview competition. The job description is one of a job that could be filled by a teen 4-H’er in your community but is not currently in the budget. Please review the information and consider your skills/experience and how it would fit into your goals and future career opportunities. What you present and share for the interview must be factual and true to your personal 4-H experience.

For more information about the interview contest and the position that you will be interviewing for go to: https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/elk4-hclubday/index.html

Spring Weigh In Dates:

- Beef -- February 26 (143 days prior to fair)
- Sheep/Swine/Meat Goats -- April 21 and April 22 (89 and 88 days prior to fair)

Southeast Regional Project Award Screening

The Project Report Forms are used to select area and state project winners. To be eligible for area judging, members must be named county champion in the project area, and must have passed their 14th birthday before January 1, 2023.

Each 4-H’er must submit a separate project award for each program they are eligible. The following items must be turned in for a complete Regional Project Award submission:
1. Check Sheet
2. Personal Information Page
3. Project Report Form
4. Cover Letter
5. Resume

Do not include:
- 4-H Permanent Record
- Dividers
- Plastic Cover Sheets

Screening for the Southeast Area is January 20. Completed project award submissions are due in the Extension Office by January 17.

Members and the projects they are eligible to submit Project Award documents are:

- Rachel Hendricks -- Horse
- Anna Hendricks -- Fiber Arts, Foods and Nutrition and Photography
- Wyatt Fechter -- Meat Goats, Self-Determined and Visual Arts

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**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. Also, the only weight requirement is a minimum weight for each species. Those are as follows:

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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.

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**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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**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 in February 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.

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-H'er'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.

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.

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 1 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 1 it will not allow you to make any changes.
Join us on March 18 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 22 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is $20/person before February 22 and $25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

**Registration**

- $20/person by February 22
- $25/person after February 22

*Must register by February 22 to get a t-shirt.

**To register by mail, contact Lexie Hayes for a form.

***All attendees, including youth and adults, must register.

**Questions**

Lexie Hayes
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785.532.1264

https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND
Join us on March 11, 2023 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 15 will receive a t-shirt. There will also be door prizes! The registration fee is $20/person for those who sign up by the February 15 deadline, or $25/person after that date. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

**Register Online**
https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND

**Tentative Schedule:**

8:00  Registration
9:00  Welcome
9:15  Project Selection
10:00 Breakout Sessions
     - Meat Science
     - Swine Breeds & Ear Notching
     - Equipment & Daily Care
     - Reproduction

Noon  Lunch
12:45  Swine Health
1:30  Breakout Sessions
     - Nutrition
     - Clipping, Hair Care, Show Day Prep
     - Showmanship
3:00  Wrap-up
3:30  YQCA Certification & State Nominations (optional)

**Registration**
$20/person by February 15
$25/person after February 15

*Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt*
**To register by mail, contact Lexie for a registration form.**
***All attendees, including youth and adults, must register.***

**Questions**
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Lexie Hayes  adhayes@ksu.edu  785.532.1264

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