# 4-H Calendar of Events

### July

2. Fashion Revue Forms Due  
5. Holiday -- Office Closed  
9. Public Fashion Revue, Supporters Picnic  
9. Lamb Lead In Contest Entries Due  
10. Fairgrounds Cleanup  
12. 4-H Foods Judging  
14 - 17. Elk County 4-H Fair -- Howard  
15. Horse Show -- Sedan  
15. Kansas State Fair Entries Due for Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goats  
21 - 24. Chautauqua County 4-H Fair -- Sedan  

### August

1. Livestock Sweepstakes Entries Due  
4. Elk County 4-H Council Meeting  
15. Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due  
21 - 22. Livestock Sweepstakes -- KSU  

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## Fair Edition of the Newsletter

This is the fair edition of the newsletter. Hard to believe we are just days 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!

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![HAPPY 4th OF JULY!](image)
Fashion Revue Forms

Fashion Revue forms are available at the Extension Office or on-line at http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/index.html

There are two forms that must be completed for each entry. One is the information and judges form and the other is the script. Both forms need to be completed and returned to the Extension Office by Friday, July 2! On the information and judges form, attach a picture of you in your outfit.

Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue Judging

Judging of Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue projects will be Wednesday, July 7 at West Elk School. Clothing Construction and Fiber Arts will be judged 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in one of the rooms. Clothing Construction Fashion Revue judging and Boys Buymanship Fashion Revue judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. Girls Buymanship Fashion Revue Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Doors will be marked on Wednesday morning so look for the signs.

The public Fashion Revue will be that evening, 7:30 p.m. at West Elk School following the Supporters and Friends of 4-H Picnic.

Supporters and Friends of 4-H Picnic

4-H Council sponsors this event. The supper will be held Wednesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. at the West Elk School. The Public Fashion Revue will follow at 7:30 p.m. The Teen Leaders will be serving smoked pork sandwiches, chips, and watermelon. Drinks will be provided.

4-H families should invite award donors, livestock sale buyers, and other supporters and friends of 4-H.

We cannot say thank you enough to our supporters and donors and this is another opportunity to thank them immediately before the 4-H Fair as well as providing a showcase for the Fashion Revue!

Fair Notes

Again this year, exhibit tags do not need to be picked up for 4-H exhibits. The Extension Office will print these for all exhibits (except livestock) and have them available on Wednesday, July 14 when you check in your exhibits. At this time, you will place them on your exhibits. All non-market livestock entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 14, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. All exhibits must be checked in by 10:00 a.m.

Consultation judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Only members involved in consultation judging (Visual Arts and Photography) will be allowed in the fair building while judging is taking place.

Recipe cards are still needed for foods exhibits and are available at the Extension Office.

Livestock stall cards will be printed at weigh in on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. Breeding animals and bucket calves may check in and get their stall cards beginning at 6:45 p.m. or after weigh in of market animals is completed. Exception is meat goat doe kids need to be weighed during their scheduled time of 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Plant Science project members if you are wondering how to exhibit your entries, the Extension Office has copies of “Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables” available. Exhibitors need to bring paper plates to put their vegetables and exhibits on.

Visual Arts and Photography projects will be judged by consultation this year. 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.

**Photography:** Photo mats are available from the Extension Office for $1.00. This includes a large Ziploc bag to place your completed project in.

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!

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**For 4-H Fair information, go to**
http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/index.html

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**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 26 or July 14 let the office know ASAP to get it replaced.

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**Teen Leader Help at Fair**

A lot more Teen Leaders are needed to help at the fair as assistant fair superintendents. Listed below are the projects/division where help is needed those that have already volunteered to help in specific areas and the number of teen leaders needed. If you are interested, let me know where you would like to help.

*Clothing Construction/Fashion Revue - (2)*

*Foods - (2)*

*Indoor Exhibits Check In and Judging - (6)*
  - Dustin Montgomery, Hannah Whetstone

*Swine -*
  - Announcer - Anna Hendricks
  - Ring help & hand out awards - Rachel Hendricks, Dustin Montgomery, & Wyatt Fechter

*Sheep -*
  - Announcer
  - Ring help and hand out awards - Wyatt Fechter and 1 more needed.

*Goats -*
  - Announcer - Anna Hendricks
  - Ring help and hand out awards - 2 needed

*Rabbits/Poultry - (1 - 2)*

*Beef -*
  - Announcer
  - Ring help and hand out awards - Dustin Montgomery and 1 - 2 more needed.

Also, the Teen Leaders are needed to help serve at the Supporters Picnic and they are responsible for the Barnyard Olympics. In addition, Teen Leaders need to decide if they are going to conduct pee wee shows for those members not old enough to be in 4-H following the swine, sheep and goat shows.

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**Fairgrounds Cleanup/Setup**

4-H families are needed to clean the livestock barns and pens, and setting up the show arena on **Saturday, July 10 at 8:00 a.m.** Bring rakes, shovels, wire, brooms, and other items.

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**An Adult Volunteer to help with Visual Arts and Crafts at the Fair on Wednesday, July 14 is Needed. If you are interested, contact Richard for more information.**

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**Foods Judging**

The 4-H food entries will be judged by consultation, **Monday, July 12 at the Cox Building in Howard.** Two judges and two rooms will be used. Doors will be marked on Wednesday morning so look for the signs. 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 - 10:30 a.m.; age 14 and older -- 11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon.** 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 Monday, July 12 prepared as directed in the fairbook. Then after being judged, refrigerate a sample to display at the fair. A sample of each food’s entry will be displayed at the fair on the club’s food display table on Wednesday, July 14. Ribbons will be awarded at the fair on Wednesday.

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**Livestock Exhibitors are responsible for providing your own bedding at the fair and for cleanup.**

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**Livestock Weigh In Schedule**

Market animals are to be weighed on **Wednesday, July 14.** Schedule for the evening is as follows:

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Weigh Market Beef
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Weigh Market Goats
5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Weigh Market Lambs
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Weigh Doe Kids
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Weigh Market Hogs
6:45 - 7:30 p.m. Check in ALL Breeding Animals (except Doe Kids) and 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.

All other breeding animals other than Doe Kids MUST check in on Wednesday evening so I know your animal(s) are here and we can make classes.

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

Livestock stall cards will be printed at weigh in on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

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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. Information and forms can be found at: [https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/competitions/2020-special-edition-4-h--ffa-grand-drive](https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/competitions/2020-special-edition-4-h--ffa-grand-drive)

New this year is a Parent Code of Conduct Form to be completed. Exhibitors are required to upload a completed **PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT FORM at the time of entry!!**

Please print and complete this form BEFORE doing online entries.

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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.

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.

Destination Forms and Livestock Premium Sale

In order to receive their premium sale check, members need to turn in a completed record book. You will receive a separate base bid check along with your thank you list of buyer(s). Also 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. However, the animal will not be allowed to be shown again by anyone for market or breeding.
- 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 the 4-H’er sells two animals, they must be of two different species. A member with two animals of the same species will sell the top placing animal. In cases where both animals place the same (i.e. two blue ribbons, two red ribbons, etc.) the highest ranked animal
will sell. When a member has three or four species, the two highest placing species, according to ribbon and ranking, will be sold in the premium sale.

- When a member has two different species to sell, the seller may choose not to sell one of their top placing species. If they do this, the seller may then only sell one animal in the premium sale.
- The premium sale buyer has the first right of buying the animal if they pay the base bid as well as the premium.

Livestock Stall Assignments

Stall assignments will be made a few days prior to the fair. As most of you are aware, the amount of space for livestock will be tight. The Fairboard and myself are trying are 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.

The Handshake

(from the Stock Show Stories, June 9, 2019)

Can the handshake be done incorrectly? You bet! You are watching a class ringside and see the judge signal to a showman that she’s won the class. He walks to the mic and begins his reasons. It starts something like, “The young lady’s calf that leads off this class does so with ease…” Then the strangest thing happens. The showman drags her calf over to him in an effort to shake his hand - while he is in mid-sentence. She awkwardly shifts the show stick and lead to her left hand so as to be able to shake with her right hand. While he is talking about her calf, she promptly exits the ring. Since she has set the stage of handshaking and exiting, every other showman subsequently heads to the judge for a handshake parade.

Showmen don’t get on your parents right now for telling you to shake the judge’s hand. It’s a little like “smiling in showmanship.” Somewhere along the way, everyone said to do that. Your parents didn’t want you to look disrespectful. I get that everyone thinks they are being polite by shaking the judge’s hand. However, there are ways to make sure the judge knows you are listening and acknowledging and appreciative of the comment.

The resounding opinion from judges I’ve spoken with over the years is this: Don’t shake the judges hand while he or she is giving reasons. It is distracting and holds up the show. Consider this: if a judge is young or less experienced, it may be difficult for them to focus on that many things at one time. Ask anyone who judges shows and they will tell you they get in rhythm. Judging is challenging and while most judges will tell you it is fun, they also don’t like distractions.

Livestock Sweepstakes

The 2021 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is scheduled for August 21 - 22 on the K-State campus in Manhattan. The event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. Deadline to enter is August 1. If you are interested, let me know.
2021 Elk County 4-H Fair
Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 7
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Clothing Construction and Fiber Arts Judging – West Elk School
9:30 a.m. Clothing Construction and Buymanship - Boys Fashion Revue Judging – West Elk School
10:00 a.m. Buymanship - Girls Fashion Revue Judging – West Elk School
6:30 p.m. Supporters and Friends of 4-H Picnic -- West Elk School
7:30 p.m. Public Fashion Revue -- West Elk School

Saturday, July 10
8:00 a.m. Fairgrounds Cleanup

Monday, July 12
9:00 a.m. 4-H Foods Judging – Cox Building
6:00 p.m. Horse Show -- Sedan

Wednesday, July 14
8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Indoor Exhibits non-Market Livestock Exhibits Checked In
10:00 a.m. Judging of Indoor Exhibits and 4-H Consultation Judging
4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Weigh Market Beef
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Weigh Market Goats
5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Weigh Market Lambs
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Weigh Doe Kids
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Weigh Market Hogs
6:45 - 7:30 p.m. Check in ALL Breeding Animals (except Doe Kids) and Bucket Calves

Thursday, July 15
7:55 a.m. Star Spangled Banner Prior to Beginning of Show -- FHB in charge of
8:00 a.m. 4-H Swine Fitting and Showing and Judging of Swine
3:00 p.m. 4-H Sheep Fitting and Showing and Judging of Sheep
5:30 p.m. Lamb Lead In Contest
6:30 p.m. Barnyard Olympics Sponsored by Elk County Teen Leaders

Friday, July 16
8:55 a.m. Star Spangled Banner Prior to Beginning of Show -- GJ in charge of
9:00 a.m. 4-H Goat Fitting & Showing and Judging of Meat Goats
2:00 p.m. Judging of Rabbits and Poultry
6:00 p.m. Bucket Calf Show followed by 4-H Beef Fitting & Showing and Judging of Beef

Saturday, July 17
8:55 a.m. Star Spangled Banner Prior to Beginning of Show -- MSS in charge of
9:00 a.m. Round Robin
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Check out ALL entries (except sale animals)
6:30 p.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Premium Sale

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