Elk County 4-H News

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4-H Calendar of Events

July
1  YQCA Certification Deadline
4  Holiday -- Offices Closed
8  4-H/FFA Fair Entries Due
11  Fashion Revue Forms Due
13  Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts, and Fashion Revue Judging
13  Supporters Picnic and Public Fashion Revue
16  Fairgrounds Cleanup
17  Kansas State Fair Entries Due for 4-H/FFA Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goats
18  4-H Foods Judging
18  Horse Show -- Sedan
20 - 23  Elk County 4-H Fair -- Longton

August
1  Livestock Sweepstakes Entries Due
   4-H Council
15  Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due
20 - 21  Livestock Sweepstakes -- KSU

Fair Edition of the Newsletter

This is the fair edition of the newsletter. Hard to believe we are just a few 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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Fair Entries

4-H/FFA fair entries are due FRIDAY, JULY 8 by 4:00 p.m. in the Extension Office.

Also, due JULY 8 is the Livestock Stall Request for families to complete.

Put everything you might bring to the fair on your entry form. ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 8. 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 8. 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. For the species of beef, sheep, swine and meat goats you do not need to put showmanship on your entry form. You will sign up for the showmanship the night of fair weigh in on July 20.

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.

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 Monday, July 11! On the information and judges form, attach a picture of you in your outfit.

By turning in all forms in a timely fashion and by the due date, that allows the superintendent and the office to put together a judging order to make things run smoothly.

Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue Judging

Judging of Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue projects will be Wednesday, July 13 at West Elk School. Clothing Construction and Fiber Arts will be judged 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. 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 11:00 a.m.

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.

Fair Items on Website

The following items and information are on the Rolling Prairie - Elk County 4-H website:
- 4-H Fair Schedule and any updates
- 4-H Fair Book and any updates
- Fashion Revue Script Form
- Fashion Revue Judges Form
- Blank 4-H Entry Form
- Mounting Photos for Kansas State Fair
- Photo Display Instructions
- Livestock Premium Sale Buyers Agreement and Receipt
- Livestock Stall Request

For 4-H Fair information and forms, go to http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/index.html
And check the website and Facebook for any updates!
Supporters and Friends of 4-H Picnic

4-H Council sponsors this event. The supper will be held **Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m. at West Elk School**. The Public Fashion Revue will follow at 7:30 p.m. The Teen Leaders will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, and cookies. 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!

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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 23 or July 19 let the office know ASAP to get it replaced.

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Miscellaneous Fair Notes

Exhibit tags do not need to be picked up for 4-H exhibits. The Extension Office will print these for all exhibits and have them available on Wednesday, July 20 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 20, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. All exhibits must be checked in by 10:00 a.m.

**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.

Consultation judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20. **ONLY MEMBERS INVOLVED IN CONSULTATION JUDGING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE FAIR BUILDING WHILE JUDGING IS TAKING PLACE.**

**CONSULTATION JUDGING ON WEDNESDAY MORNING IS FOR VISUAL ARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS ONLY!! NO OTHER PROJECTS HAVE CONSULTATION JUDGING THAT DAY!**

Recipe cards are 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 7:45 p.m. or after weigh in of market animals is completed. Exception is meat goat doe kids that need to be weighed during their scheduled time of 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Clubs can set up booths and foods tables on **Tuesday, July 19 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

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Fair Changes

A couple of notes on differences in fair classes or schedules than what was originally printed:
In order to have the same rule as at the Kansas State Fair, the following change has been made for meat goat does. The change was made after Elk County Fairbook’s were printed so it is noted here and is on the website. All market goats must still be “slick shorn.”
NOTE: For breeding does, the length of hair is left up to the exhibitor.

Poultry and Rabbit Judging: Friday, July 22 the Poultry judging will begin at 2:00 p.m.; Rabbit judging will begin at 2:30 p.m.!!

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!

Fairgrounds Cleanup/Setup

4-H families are needed to clean the livestock barns and pens, and setting up the show arena on Saturday, July 16 at 8:00 a.m. Bring rakes, shovels, wire, brooms, and other items.

Foods Judging

The 4-H food entries will be judged by consultation, Monday, July 18 at the Cox Building in Howard. Two judges will be used. 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. - 11:30 a.m. 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 18 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 20. Ribbons will be awarded at the fair on Wednesday.

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

Check Your Peanut Butter: As you are deciding what recipes will be made for fair entries, please remember about the Jif Peanut Butter recall and check your cupboards to see if you have the recalled products.

This FDA link shows how to look for the specific lot codes in this recall, https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/outbreak-investigation-salmonella-peanut-butter-may-2022. This FDA link lists the Jif products included in this recall, https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-

Just because a product is baked is not a guarantee that the bacteria associated with this recall will be destroyed. We do not want to see no-bake cookies made with recalled peanut butter.

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

Livestock Weigh In Schedule

Market animals are to be weighed on Wednesday, July 20. Schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Weigh Market Hogs
- 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Weigh Market Goats
- 6:15 - 6:30 p.m. Weigh Market Lambs
- 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Weigh Doe Kids
- 7:15 - 7:30 p.m. Weigh Market Beef
- 7:45 - 8:00 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 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.

FRONTIER FARM CREDIT WILL BE SERVING HOT DOGS BEFORE AND DURING WEIGH IN.

Star Spangled Banner

This was started last year. Each club is responsible for the Star Spangled Banner each 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 morning at 7:55 a.m. -- MSS is responsible for.
- Friday morning at 8:55 a.m. -- FHB is responsible for.
- Saturday morning at 8:55 a.m. -- GJ is responsible for.

Livestock Skillathon

Thursday, July 21, 12:30 p.m.

A livestock skillathon contest will take place at this time. The skillathon will consist of a written test, livestock breed identification, feedstuffs identification, equipment identification and maybe a few other items. There will be a Junior (age 7-13) and Senior (age 14 and older) divisions.

Awards Presentation Ceremony

Saturday, July 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Show Arena

All awards for fair exhibits will be awarded at this time with one exception: Fashion Revue awards will be given out at the Public Fashion Revue but all other awards for indoor exhibits and livestock exhibits will be given to Grand and Reserve Grand Champions at the Awards Presentation Ceremony. This includes showmanship buckles and the Round Robin winners will be announced at this time.
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 17. 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

Fair Animals Going to Family Tree Meats

Family Tree Meats WILL NOT have a trailer to haul animals to the locker at the Livestock Premium Sale on July 23. You will need to transport your own animals or work together to get it done. Animals can be dropped off before 9:30 p.m on the 23rd or Sunday morning between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. They are requesting that you call to tell them what animals you will be bringing and how many ASAP. Call Joanna at 620-358-3838.

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.

**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 may 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.

**Destination Forms and Livestock Premium Sale**

Members must turn in a completed record book with project sheets of the species that were exhibited including personal page and permanent record in order to receive their premium sale dollars. Base bid dollars will be issued separately. FFA members are required to submit SAE record books to receive their premium check. Checks will be issued with a list of buyers to thank for each member that sells an animal. 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 Goat Show on Friday. 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; unless the member chooses to sell their Market Beef.

- Market Beef that meet all the livestock premium sale requirements (minimum weight, average daily gain, YQCA, etc) will always be eligible to sell if a member so desires and then they may sell their highest placing animal of a different species as their second animal 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.

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 2022 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is scheduled for August 20 - 21 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.

Sweepstakes are for the senior age 4-H members.

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# Teen Leader Help at Fair

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