Elk County 4-H News

March 2023

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4-H Calendar of Events

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

May
1  Project Drop/Add Deadline
1  KSF/KJLS Market Beef Nominations Due
6  Chautauqua County Spring Small Animal (Hogs, Sheep, Goats) Show
14  Teen Leaders Mothers Day Supper
29  Holiday -- Offices Closed

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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

4-H Records Training

Wednesday, March 15
7:00 p.m. -- Extension Meeting Room

Now is the time to start working on your record books. Do not wait until the last minute to look at record pages and then have no idea how to complete them.

The training will cover the project report forms as well as the achievement pin applications and Excellence in Project Achievement forms. I will also cover how to download the form fillable forms and how to add photos and captions.

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/gingd 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 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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**YQCA Certification**

One of the requirements for those who plan to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS is that ALL exhibitors are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification to be eligible for either show in 2023.

**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 or attend a face-to-face training. Once you complete a training, members will receive a certification number. That information will need to be forwarded to Stephanie Bogdahn.

There will be one more face-to-face YQCA training opportunity in Howard and one in Sedan. The registration fee of $3.00 is due online when you register. **To attend this training, you will need to register online BEFORE THE TRAINING.**

March 22 -- Howard; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

April 26 -- Sedan; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**YQCA Registration Instructions:**

1. Visit [https://yqcaprogram.org/](https://yqcaprogram.org/)
2. Click the blue “Register/Sign In” button in the upper right hand corner of the page.
3. Validate account and review data sharing information.
   a. closely review data sharing information as this impacts how a child’s name appears on certificates and verification reports than may be requested by extension professionals, FFA advisors, or show/fair officials.
4. Parents/Guardians need to put in their DOB and information to set up a family account.
5. Create user account.
6. Select the blue “Add Child” button to add youth to the user (family) account.
7. Confirm data sharing consent options for each child.
8. Select course (listed by age in course list).
9. Choose the blue “Add to Cart” button for course type in which the child should be enrolled.
   a. Web-Based is top option ($12) in age-specific course selection box.
      i. Select the yellow “Proceed to Buy” button.
      ii. Enter payment information.
      iii. From purchased courses, select green “Take Course” button.
      iv. Confirm appropriate child from drop-down list.
      v. Youth should complete pre-course survey prior to completing course.
   b. Instructor-Led is bottom option ($3) of age-specific course selection box.
      i. Select appropriate child’s name as “participant” under drop-down list.
      ii. Chose “Kansas” under state list.
      iii. Click white “Select Training” button to view all trainings offered in the state of Kansas.
      iv. Chose the blue “Select” button for the appropriate course.
      v. Click the blue “Add” button at the bottom of the window.
      vi. Add more trainings for additional children, or complete payment information.
      vii. Youth should complete pre-course survey prior to attending in-person class.
   c. Test-out options are listed at the bottom of the course list for those
who are eligible. Youth must be in the first year of the age division to be eligible (only 12 and 15-year olds).

10. Families will return to the YQCA website, sign in, and have youth complete post-course survey to access course certificate(s).

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4-H Council Steak Dinner

Saturday, March 25 -- Grenola Community Building
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

This is the annual fundraiser for 4-H Council. Funds are used for fair awards, achievement awards and other expenses of 4-H Council. If you are needing tickets to sell they are available at the Extension Office.

Roles and Responsibilities:
- **Flint Hill Boosters** - Rolls
- **Grenola Jayhawkers** - Potatoes, Sour Cream, Butter
- **Moline Shining Star** - Salad, Cheese, Dressings
- **Extension Office** - Paper products
- **4-H Council Members** - each member bring a dessert.
- Decorate and setup on Friday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m.
- Members that will help on Saturday, March 25 be there at 4:30 p.m. **Attire is business casual** for 4-H’ers helping.

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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.

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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 $4.00. Pickup a tag at the Extension Office or call to schedule a time for Richard to tag your calf.

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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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4-H Camp

*(4-H Camp Promotional Article courtesy of Rock Springs Ranch)*

With spring right around the corner, it's time to think about 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch! Registration for Summer 2023 sessions is open and sessions are filling fast!

The values of 4-H are at the core of Rock Springs Ranch and they guide all of our camp programming. We believe the lessons learned here can create a foundation for success that will last far beyond their visit. But you don’t have to be a 4-H member to come to camp at Rock Springs. Everyone is welcome, regardless of 4-H membership. Feel free to invite friends, cousins, and neighbors to
experience the magic of 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch!

4-H Camp programs and activities are designed around grouping our campers according to rising grade level (the grade they will enter after summer). 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch is available to all rising 3rd-12th graders. Session dates and rates can be found at https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org. You may choose any session that fits your family’s summer schedule.

Rock Springs Ranch is also providing transportation to and from camp for $25 in 2023. The bus will be available during [sessions 2 & 3], so be sure to keep that in mind when selecting a camp session. To view all bus routes and sessions offered, visit: https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/transportation/.

TEEN LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT 4-H CAMP

**LIT (Leaders In Training)** For rising 10th and 11th graders
This immersive experience empowers youth to find their voice and transition into leaders ready to serve their communities. Teens participate in camp activities and challenges while also learning leadership development and civic engagement skills.

**CIT (Counselors in Training)** For rising 12th graders
CITs assist or lead camp activities alongside summer staff at Rock Springs Ranch. This program is designed to allow teens the opportunity to provide leadership to younger campers while also establishing their own community and camp experiences. To apply for this program, visit https://bit.ly/CITScholarship.

*Thanks for the Patterson Family Foundation, camperships (scholarships) are available for participants of this program.*

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Elk County 4-H Fair
July 19 - 22
Howard Fairgrounds

Start planning now as July will be here before we know it.
Results from Beef Tag and Weigh In. Please let me know if tag numbers are not correct, etc.

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4-H FAIR JUDGES WORKSHOP
March 30, 2023

SCHEDULE:
3:30 p.m. Registration & Welcome
4:00 p.m. Foods
4:30 p.m. Plant Science
5:00 p.m. Fiber Arts
5:30 p.m. Visual Arts
6:00 p.m. Dinner with General Session
6:30 p.m. Posters, Notebooks, & Misc.
7:00 p.m. Photography
7:30 p.m. Buymanship/Fashion Revue
8:00 p.m. Closing Remarks and Survey

WHAT:
Learn about the Role of the Judge, Understanding Your Audience, Consultation Evaluation, Using Standards and the Danish System of Ribbon Placing, Youth Recognition, and project areas in a general session format.

WHEN & WHERE:
Thursday, March 30, 2023 at the SE Research and Extension Center, 25092 Ness Road, Parsons, KS

WHO:
Potential Judges, Agents, Leaders, and Junior Leaders

REGISTRATION IS $20 TO COVER MEAL AND MATERIALS. REGISTER BY MARCH 15TH @ HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FAIRJUDGESWORKSHOP

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