# 4-H Calendar of Events

### May
- **2** 4-H Records Training -- 5:30 p.m.
- **2** YQCA Training -- 7:00 p.m.
- **3** Project Drop/Add Deadline
  - Cloverbud Day Camp
  - Horse ID’s Due
- **8** Chautauqua County Small Animal Spring Show -- Sedan - 9:00 a.m.
- **26** Favorite Food Show Entries Due
- **31** Holiday -- Office Closed

### June
- **1** Favorite Food Show
- **1-4** Discovery Days -- Virtually
- **2** 4-H Council -- 7:30 p.m.
- **14** Counselors to 4-H Camp -- Rock Springs
- **15-18** 4-H Camp -- Rock Springs
- **22** Southeast Area FCS Contests
- **26** Dog Show -- Fredonia
- **29** Southeast District Horse Show -- Parsons
- **30** 4-H/FFA Fair Entries Due

### July
- **1** Southeast Area Livestock Contests -- Yates Center
- **2** Fashion Revue Forms Due
- **5** Holiday -- Office Closed
- **7** Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts, Fashion Revue Judging
  - Public Fashion Revue, Supporters Picnic
- **10** Fairgrounds Cleanup
- **12** 4-H Foods Judging
  - Horse Show -- Sedan
- **14 - 17** Elk County 4-H Fair -- Howard
- **21 - 24** Chautauqua County 4-H Fair -- Sedan
Discovery Days

Registration is now open for Discovery Days. This event is for ages 13 - 18 by January 1, 2021. This virtual event will take place from June 1 - 4 and the cost is $35.

Discovery Days is a College and Career Readiness opportunity for youth. Sessions are organized into content related tracks, so youth can learn a bit more about potential future career options. This happens through educational sessions from content and youth development experts. Youth can learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs or groups and communities.

To learn more about the event including the Tracks being offered, click here.

Register here!

4-H Campference

Campference is June 27 - 30 and is for youth ages 12-14 by January 1, 2021. Registration is now open and due May 15! Space is limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis, so registration may end prior to May 15 if space is filled. Fee is $320 per person.

To register click on this link: Register for Events button on the State 4-H website. Click here for the: 4-H Campference Page for more details.

As a reminder, there will be a $25 cancellation fee for anyone that registers online and cancels on or before May15. Those that cancel after May 15, will be assessed the entire fee and there will be no refund.

YQCA Requirement for 2021 State Shows

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multispecies youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 7-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

All exhibitors, including youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), will need to be YQCA certified by June 15. Your certification from any previous year does not carry over to this year. A new certification must occur each year.

Youth may obtain their YQCA certification using one of the following methods: Instructor-led Training - $3/child; the Online Course - $12/child; or the Test-Out Option – only 12 & 15 year olds are eligible; online only; cost varies based on age division; Valid Youth PQA+ Number – in lieu of YQCA certification. Youth need to complete their YQCA certification by June 15, 2021.

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 training on May 2 at the Extension Office in Howard at 7:00 p.m. Once you complete a training, members will receive a certification number. That information will need to be forwarded to Stephanie Bogdahn.

Families must create a user account and pre-register all youth through the YQCA website (www.yqca.org) for them to participate in the instructor led program on May 2. The program is integrated with 4HOnline, so families need to use their 4HOnline credentials to access the site. They should also register each child for certification by selecting their name from the drop-down menu (currently enrolled 4-H members identified as members of the family should appear as options).

Families must pay for the instructor-led and online class through the site at the time of registration. It will require a credit card number.
How to get your YQCA Certification online:
- Go to https://yqca.learngrow.io
- Sign in with your 4-HOnline credentials.
- Select your course based on your age.
- Select purchase course and complete the web-based training.
- Once completed, save, and print your certificate and send copy to Stephanie Bogdahn.

THE COUNTY FAIR IS EARLY THIS YEAR SO KEEP THAT IN MIND WHEN PLANNING AND COMPLETING YOUR PROJECTS. IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!!

4-H Records Training

Sunday, May 2 – 5:30 p.m.
Extension Meeting Room

Training for the new record keeping system that we will be using beginning this year will be held on Sunday, May 2. This will be prior to the YQCA training. The new forms are posted to the Rolling Prairie website at: https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/recordbooks/index.html

State Livestock Nominations

Listed below is information about the 2021 State Livestock Nominations:

- Animals eligible for KJLS or KSF will need an EID ear tag placed in the ear of the animal by an Agent or in the presence of the Agent. This is so all tags can be accounted for. Make arrangements with Richard to tag and nominate animals if you have animals that were not tagged at the county spring dates. The exception to this is purebred breeding females that have registration papers do not have to be nominated. (except meat goats)
- DNA hair samples are required for each nominated animal for ALL species.
- Ear notch information will be required for swine nominations as well as the DNA sample.
- Scrapie tag numbers will be required for sheep and goat nominations as well as the DNA sample. A gender field has been added to the sheep and meat goat nomination forms.
- Declaration forms, nomination forms are required as well. These must be signed by the parent/legal guardian, and Extension Agent.
- Nomination deadlines for all species are POSTMARK dates. Certified mail is highly encouraged for sending nominations to KSU.
- Nomination dates are: May 1 - Market Beef; June 15 - Market Hogs, Commercial Gilts, Market Sheep, Commercial Ewes, Commercial Heifers, and ALL meat goats.
- Nomination cost is $8.00/animal.
- All exhibitors must submit a valid YQCA certification number by June 15.
- A livestock nomination is NOT AN ENTRY for the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show.
- All state nomination paperwork is available as form fillable PDF documents. Forms may be completed this way or via “hard copy.” Original signatures on all paperwork and DNA envelopes are still REQUIRED!

All forms (except DNA envelopes) and a Kansas Youth Livestock State Nomination Process “Rookie Guide” are available at: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/

DNA envelopes are only available at the Extension Office. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON THESE ITEMS OR GET ENVELOPES. CONTACT RICHARD IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO NOMINATE ANIMALS AND NEED ENVELOPES OR TAGS.
If you will be nominating Goats, Hogs, Sheep or Commercial Heifers keep in mind the June 15 deadline. On June 15, I will be at 4-H Camp, so plan accordingly!!

When nominating animals, keep this in mind. This information is from the Kansas 4-H Policy document: “Any 4-H exhibit sold at public auction or by private contract is not eligible to be exhibited at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Public auction includes: premium sale, ribbon auction, or similar event. If the project is sold, regardless of ownership changes, on the date of the transaction the 4-H member has given up the right to exhibit that specific animal or product in the future. In the case of livestock, market animals sold are ineligible to be shown as breeding animals in the future. Non-livestock exhibits (perishable foods, photographs, etc.) may be reproduced for the Kansas State Fair.”

May 1 Deadline

May 1 is a very important deadline date. Since May 1 is a Saturday, these items need to be completed by MAY 3.

Drop/Add Deadline: This is the last day you can drop or add projects for the year so make sure you are in the projects you want. You can do this through 4HOnline or call Richard and he can do it for you. If you are trying to do this in 4HOnline, after May 3 it will not allow you to make any changes. Couple of notes about this. First, members must be enrolled in the project in which he or she wishes to exhibit in at the fair. Second, I get asked about this every year, but Junk in a Bucket is not a project to enroll in, it is just a fair class.

Horse ID’s Due in the Extension Office: To exhibit at the 4-H Horse Show, a member must properly identify his or her owned or leased horse project on the 4-H Identification Certificate.

Favorite Food Show

The Favorite Food Show will be Tuesday, June 1, 9:00 a.m. at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard. Entries are due by May 26. An entry form with more information is in this newsletter.

Fairbooks & Fair Entry Forms

The fair is a couple months away, but many plans have been made and are being made. For more information about the fair, go to the following website: http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/index.html

This is where all information and forms about the 4-H Fair will be posted. By May 15 (probably sooner) the fair schedule, fairbook, fair entry forms, and fashion revue forms will be posted here. I hope to have fairbooks and entry forms for all families that club leaders can pickup and handout at their May club meetings.

Again this year there will be a livestock stall request for families to complete.

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.

Volunteers Needed!

| Fair Superintendents are needed for the following projects: |
| Photography |
| Swine |
If you are interested or know of someone that might be, please contact Richard ASAP.
Spring Weigh In and Tag Results

Results from the small animal weigh in and tag days will be emailed out next week. Please check over these and if you find an error, please let me know. This is the information that will be used for the fair check in and weigh in.

Elk Valley FFA Spring Showcase

Saturday, May 29 -- Beef Show

Sunday, May 30 -- Swine, Lamb, & Meat Goat Show

Ages 5 to 21 welcome

$20/head pre-entered by 5/21/21

$25/head day of show

$5 for showmanship -- Entry day of show

For registration forms and copy of rules, contact the Extension Office or Chris Johnston at Elk Valley FFA.

Empty the Wheelbarrow

We’ve all been there. It’s been a long day. School, then practice, then chores and now it’s late. The sun has gone down and you’ve just finished in the barn for the night. Except there’s still than one lingering task. The wheelbarrow you filled today is still sitting by the door. It needs to be emptied. You know it should be emptied, but you are tired, you tell yourself. Plus there’s homework to be done. It can surely wait until the morning.

And it could. It could wait until morning. It could wait until you’ve come to the barn to start the next day’s tasks. Now that you mention it, those record books you’ve been meaning to keep up could wait until next week. The project you’ve committed to helping with for your 4-H club or FFA chapter could wait until next month. There are so many things that you could push back to a later date, and just think of all the time and energy you’d save right now!

But can they really wait?

Your favorite running back doesn’t stop a few yards short of the goal line. Leaders know the ability to deliver results puts you on the path to success, and delivering results means not leaving work unfinished.

So often we let things go that would only take us a few minutes to complete. We justify it to ourselves in the name of saving time or effort in the short run. Without fail, the time you don’t spend now will have to be made up later and in between you’ll have the nagging feeling of a task left undone. In the long run, when you leave work undone now, you only cost yourself later.

Take a few more minutes to finish your work tonight. Not only does it help to build discipline and create better habits, but you’ll also feel better knowing that you can start tomorrow with a clean slate and an empty wheelbarrow.

(by Marlene Eick, leadership and career coach)
The Favorite Food Show is an exhibit and contest to encourage 4-H’ers to learn about meal planning, food preparation, and presentation. A “Favorite Food” is chosen, one the 4-H’er likes and likes to prepare. A menu is planned with the food, and the table decor is coordinated. Foods chosen may be main courses, desserts, snacks, breads, casseroles or other.

A recipe card and a menu card should be displayed with the proper table setting. The 4-H’er will visit informally with the judge and tell how to prepare and serve the food, why they selected the table service and dishes, and why the centerpiece is appropriate. The 4-H’er should also know some of the nutritional value of the food and be able to discuss that with the judge.

This is a creative and fun event for 4-H’ers. There are no hard and fast rules. The following score card is used at the Area Contest and will be used at the Elk County contest.

30% - The Exhibitor
- Appropriate Dress
- Originality
- Interview - Eye contact, clarity, volume of voice. Demonstrates understanding of table setting techniques and the menu, food preparation and food safety.

30% - The Favorite Food
- Can discuss nutritional value and healthy portions.
- Understands preparation of the food item.
- Appearance of food including portion size.
- Food safety knowledge.

20% - Menu with Favorite Food
- Appropriate food choices.
- Understanding of meal preparation time management.
- Knowledge and experience with this menu.
- Balanced in color and texture.

20% - Table Setting with Favorite Food
- Appropriate for menu
- Menu and recipe are clear and legible.
- Attractive-color scheme, dishes, food, placemats, linen, etc.
- Appropriate centerpiece.

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Favorite Food Show Entry
Entries due in the Extension Office by Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Name ______________________________________________________  Age ___________
(4-H Age)

My Favorite Food will be _______________________________________________________________

Served for (Occasion) ________________________________________________________________
SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS
@ CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

BEEF SHOW
APRIL 18TH, 2021
2:00 PM

SMALL ANIMAL SHOW
MAY 8TH, 2021
9:00 AM

Weigh-in & registration 30 minutes prior to each show
Open only to youth in Chautauqua & Elk County

9:00 a.m. Goat
10:30 a.m. Sheep
12:00 p.m. Swine

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