4-H Calendar of Events

November
11  Holiday - Offices Closed
12  Geology and Entomology Project Meeting -- Moline
13  4-H Achievement Banquet -- Grenola - 6:00 p.m.
19-20  Kansas Youth Leadership Forum -- Rock Springs

December
1  Enrollment Deadline for Exhibiting at County Fair & Club Treasury Review Form Due
3  The Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest -- Tonganoxie
7  4-H Council -- 6:30 p.m.
8-11  Kansas Beef Expo -- Hutchinson
11  4-H Officers Training and Christmas Party -- 3:30 p.m. - West Elk School
23 - Jan 3  Offices Closed

January
20  Southeast Area Records Screening -- Fredonia

March
11  K-State Junior Swine Producer Day
18  K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

Achievement Banquet

The Achievement Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 6:00 p.m. at Grenola. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. followed by the awards ceremony. Responsibilities for the awards ceremony are:

Master of Ceremonies: Anna Hendricks and Rachel Hendricks
Lead Flag Salute/4-H Pledge: Peyton Fechter
Give Thanks to Supporters: Jaxson Bogdahn
Assist with Presenting Awards: Wyatt Fechter and Emma Arbuckle
Enrollment

The new 4-H year began October 1. **ELK COUNTY MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED BY DECEMBER 1 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE 2023 COUNTY FAIR.** You will still have until May 1 to drop or add projects but you need to be enrolled by the DECEMBER 1 deadline in order to be eligible to exhibit at the 2023 County Fair.

Link to 4HOnline and other resources for enrolling: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html)

A couple of notes about selecting project. First, **Junk in a Bucket** is not a project to select. Second, in previous years if you wanted to enroll in **Welding**, you selected Self Determined; however, this year you need to select **STEM Ag Mechanics**.

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Geology and Entomology Projects

With the start of the new 4-H year, members are picking out projects for the new year. If you have any interest in the Geology and/or Entomology projects, there will be an opportunity to learn more about these projects in November.

**Saturday, November 12, 1:00 p.m.** at the Moline Public Library, Bill and Janet Smith from Barber County will meet with any kids that are interested in these projects.

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4-H Officers Training and Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 11, 3:30 p.m.** for County Officers Training, Meeting Exchange and County Christmas Party. Event will be at West Elk School.

This will be a fun event for the whole county to come together for a Christmas Party with a gift exchange, games, and for officers training. More details and specifics will be provided closer to the date and at your November 4-H club meetings.

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K-State Innovation Lab

For current 7th and 8th graders that are interested and want the opportunity to use the latest innovative technologies; the Hale Library on the Kansas State University campus, has the Sunderland Foundation Innovation Lab. The lab gives opportunities for students to learn about new technologies and gain hands on experience with them. The lab has spaces for:

- Artificial Intelligence Studio
- Collaboration Spaces
- Fabspace
- Immersion Studio
- Liquid Galaxy Display
- Makerspace
- Media Studio
- Media Gallery
- One Button + Studio
- Sound Studio
- Video Production Studio

Any current 7th or 8th graders that would be interested in going to the lab, please let me know. I would like to take a group sometime to explore the lab. For more information about the lab and spaces go to: [https://lib.k-state.edu/technology/innovation-lab/](https://lib.k-state.edu/technology/innovation-lab/)

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Set Personal Goals in Your Record Book

Goal setting and planning should be a part of everyone’s 4-H experience. If you haven’t set goals, now is a great time to start, as we just began the 2022-2023 4-H year.

By setting goals for the new year you position yourself to succeed. Look ahead and plan what events you want to attend, projects you want to complete, activities you want to lead or participate in, and what awards you want to receive next year.
Goal setting is important for youth to key in on certain events for the year. It helps build confidence and most importantly allows our youth to learn and grow. By setting goals at the beginning of the year, youth can reflect back occasionally to see how far they’ve come. Reflecting provides the opportunity for our youth to self reflect in a positive way. They can see what they have accomplished, how they accomplished it, and if there is a better or more efficient way they could do it in the future.

Start setting goals for your pin applications, key award, premium sale requirements, and for your 2022-2023 4-H projects.

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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Market Beef Project

There is an exciting opportunity for 4-H/FFA members interested in the Market Beef Project. In an effort to try and increase the number of market beef exhibits, members that have a desire to show a market beef project but don’t think they can for various reasons now have an opportunity to do so.

Members can work with a cattle producer to select a calf for a project and take care of it throughout the year and show it at the county fair. The producer will pay for the feed and assist the member in getting the calf to the fair. At the fair, the member may sell the project at the premium sale, if all premium sale requirements are met, and then the calf is returned to the producer.

If you may be interested in this idea, let me know and I can get you in contact with a cattle producer.

Standards for 4-H and FFA

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants’ knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.

2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.

3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage,
keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.

4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.

5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.

6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational programs.

If you plan to participate in FFA in any of your project(s), please let me know so when it comes fair time I can set it up that way in our fair management system.

What is 4-H Council

What is 4-H Council? I am sure that some of you are not exactly sure what the Elk County 4-H Council is and what its purpose is. The 4-H Council is the governing body of the Elk County 4-H Program.

Responsibilities of a county 4-H Council are to:

- Plan and carry out county wide activities and events involving 4-H members such as 4-H Club Day, Supporters Picnic, Achievement Banquet, Fashion Revue, Favorite Food Show, County Fair, and any other events which seem advisable.
- To coordinate all 4-H activities in the county.
- The program implementation body for county 4-H activities and events.
- To set policies for operation of the county 4-H program.
- Prepare budget of private funds necessary for carrying out the above mentioned activities.
- Plan and conduct money raising activities necessary for meeting the budget.
- Serve as a clearing house for 4-H club work and an exchange of ideas.

4-H Council is made up of four representatives from each club in Elk County as well as two club leaders from each club. These members represent their fellow club members. Members need to attend and participate in 4-H Council meetings by expressing opinions of their club, voting as their club would, and then reporting to their club on discussions and decisions made at 4-H Council.

Every 4-H member in Elk County is affected by the decisions made at 4-H Council. Some of you may think that only a few people are affected or just certain clubs, but that is not the case. Every member can reap the benefits of a successful county 4-H Council. We are a county 4-H program, not just individual clubs operating totally independent.

4-H Council is an opportunity to learn to work together and meet other 4-H members from across the county.

The 2022 - 2023 Officers of 4-H Council are:
President - Wyatt Fechter
Vice President - Tate Stewart
Secretary - Rachel Hendricks
Treasurer - Jarrett Wilson

Welcoming New 4-H Families

Make a special effort to welcome all new 4-H members and their families. Try to involve them in club activities--not just at the first meeting, but throughout the year. Here are some suggestions for doing that.

Explain the sometimes confusing 4-H terms to new families. Don't assume they understand.
Form a buddy system by having older 4-H'ers help new 4-H members with meetings, records, and 4-H events.

Advise new families of deadlines. Explain the major events that happen in 4-H such as 4-H Club Day, fair, awards program, record books, etc.

Have other adults or 4-H'ers sit with new 4-H families. Involve them in conversations and explain what is happening in the meetings.

Have a parent's meeting during recreation or before or after the 4-H meeting. Be sure to brief all parents about plans for the year and the important skills we are trying to teach our youth.

Let new 4-H families participate at their own pace. Involve them in club activities, but allow them to participate at a level that is comfortable to them.

Be aware of special family circumstances and be flexible. All families are an important part of our 4-H program.

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**Club Finances and Monies**

Questions regarding club finances are frequently asked of the Extension Office. There are five basic principles that exist to assist with management of non-appropriated funds. First, what is non-appropriated? Non-appropriated funds are described as, “Any funds, outside of appropriated tax dollars, collected by groups for educational purposes, examples include fees, registrations, etc.”

The five principles to manage these funds include:
1. Extension Boards are accountable for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs under their jurisdiction - which includes 4-H.
2. All accounts should require at least two signatures for withdrawals.
3. All funds should be receipted each time they change hands.
4. All 4-H clubs/groups must have their own Employer Identification Number from the IRS. Personal Social Security Numbers are not to be used.

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**Club Treasury Health**

Club finances are a necessary resource for a successful 4-H club. How is your club doing with money? Check out the survey below for help. If you need additional financial resources, contact the Extension Office.

- Prepare a yearly budget with club finance committee, Leaders and Treasurer.
- Only spend money with club approval.
- Keep club money & personal money separate.
- Treasurer’s record is accurate & up to date.
- Funds are deposited into the bank ASAP.
- Bills are promptly paid as directed & approved by the club.
- Bills should only be paid by check.
- Receipts must be collected for bills, before they are paid.
- A monthly Treasurer’s report is prepared for each meeting.
- Reconcile the account against the bank statement each month.
- All checks have two signatures before sending.

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**4-H Council Meeting**

4-H Council will meet **Wednesday, December 7 at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard at 6:30 p.m.**

The agenda items include:
- 🎉 Officers Training and Christmas Party - Final Details
- 🎭 Steak Supper and/or Fundraisers
- 🎉 4-H Club Day
- 🎯 Fair Awards
- 🎉 Other New Business
Don’t Miss it! The Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest 2022
Hosted by The Leavenworth County Livestock Committee with the National Award Winning Butler County CC Livestock Judging Team!

- Date: Saturday December 3rd, 2022
- Time: Start @ 8 am - Awards & Dinner @ 5 pm (approx. depending on contest)
- Place: Tonganoxie Kansas - Leavenworth County Fairgrounds
- Registration Fee: $50 *Due by Nov. 14th to guarantee tee shirt*
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Education breakout sessions, Live Animal evaluation, Contest and Awards, Souvenir Tee Shirt all included
- Extra Meal Tickets available for lunch or dinner $12 each.
- Extra Tee Shirts available to order $15 each / adult sizes only
- Questions? (785) 331-7686 or blackandgoldfarms@gmail.com Brian Habjan

Registration Due by Nov. 14th to guarantee a Tee Shirt $50
Name: ____________________________Age: ___________
Address: __________________ ___________Tee Shirt Size: (circle) Sm-Md-Lg-Xl-

Phone #: ___________________________
Parent Name: ___________________________
Email Address: ___________________________
Extra Meals? _____ X $12 = Total _______
Extra Tee Shirt? (circle) Sm/Md/Lg/XLg/ 2XL X $15 = Total _______
Check # ___________ Total = ______________
Credit Card # __________________________ 3 digit code# _____ Exp Date? _______
Mail to: LV Livestock Committee Treasurer, S. Eberth
16721 Donahoo Road
Basehor, Kansas 66007
Total enclosed = $ _____________
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**

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Register by FEB 22

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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
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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.
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