Chautauqua County 4-H Update

4-H Calendar

July
10 District Horse Show—Parsons
13 Fair Entries Due
Skilloathon—Sedan Extension Office
15 Kansas State Fair Market Livestock Entries Due
15 Interstate Fair Entries Due
21 Clothing Judging @ 9 a.m. — Cedar Vale Baptist Church
23 Horse Show @ 6 p.m. — Lou Todd Memorial Arena
25 Weigh-In Market Animals @ 10 a.m.—Sedan Fairgrounds
Check In 4-H Exhibits and Judging
4-H Swim Party — Sedan Pool

August
8 4-H Council
13-18 Coffeyville Fair and Rodeo
15 Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due
18-19 State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

4-H Cookout
Wednesday, July 25, 2018
6:00 pm
Sponsored by The First National Bank of Sedan

4-H Swim Party
Wednesday, July 25, 2018
7:00–9:00 pm
Sedan City Pool
**Premium Sale Requirements**

Some 4-H members have already met their requirements to sell at the premium sale but don’t worry if you haven’t met this goal there is still time. It is required that youth wishing to sell animals in the Premium Sale at the fair this summer complete at least three educational events or livestock activities between August 1, 2017 and weigh-in at the fair. These may be Rolling Prairie livestock events, out of district spring shows and/or livestock judging contests, local club tours, and other events. If you are not sure if an event will count ask Jenny prior to attending to get verification. Also, it is your responsibility to notify the office what events you attended and/or participated in order to receive credit for them. Local club events or project meetings are not the only activities that were meant to count toward the requirement. We want you to attend both in and out of district events for the requirement.

In addition you may complete the online YQCA training, write a story about your project or complete a financial analysis of your project with a banker.

To sell in the premium sale, animals must be of packer acceptable weight. The minimum weight for each species is:

- Steers—1,050 pounds
- Pigs—210 pounds
- Lambs—90 pounds
- Goats—50 pounds

**Fair Forms**

Fair Entry forms will be given to your club leaders. All of the projects you are enrolled in are printed at the top of these sheets. Forms are due to the extension office by July 13th at 4:00 pm. Remember if you are participating in Fashion Revue you will also need to turn in your script and evaluation guide.

**Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes**

The 2018 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be held August 18 - 19 on the K-State campus in Manhattan. The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. The members who will represent Kansas at the national 4-H contest for each of these events will be selected during the livestock sweepstakes weekend. Members may participate in as many or as few of the events as they would like. The deadline to enter will be August 1.

**Kansas State Fair**

Market Livestock and breeding animal entries are to be postmarked by July 15. Late entries will be accepted until July 25 with a $10 per head late fee. Each exhibitor must complete the request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification form to receive premiums earned. Entry forms and taxpayer identification forms are available at the Extension Office or on-line at http://www.kansasstatefair.com/competitions.php Entry forms require an Extension Agent’s signature. Please do not wait until the last minute to get a signature. The Agents are not in the Office every day. Please call and make arrangements ahead of time.

4-H’ers that would like to serve as a volunteer at the Kansas State Fair, are encouraged to do so. Let your Extension Office know prior to August 13 and what project area you would like to help with and what time. For more information about this, contact your Extension Office.

**KJLS Entries**

Entries for the Kansas Junior Livestock Show are due by August 15. We will be receiving entry forms and booklets later in July about the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Information can also be found at http://www.kjls.org/
**4-H Records**

Now is the time that most people do not think of their 4-H records, however it is an excellent time to get started while you are completing fair projects. All records for the different projects are available on the Rolling Prairie Extension Website in both hard copy and form filler version. The 4-H Records Guide is available on the website and has all kinds of information about completing 4-H records as well as a listing of what record to use for all projects.

**Summary of Achievement Awards due 9-21-2018**

- 4-H Record Book
  - Achievement Pin Applications
- Club Summary Reports
- Officer Notebooks
  - Secretary
    - Original Notes Taken
    - Minutes of Meeting
    - List of Members/Roll Call
    - List of Committees
    - List of Leaders
  - Treasurer
    - Monthly Record of Club Finances
    - Club Budget
    - Yearly Summary of Club Finances
    - Monthly Bank Statements
    - Receipts
- Reporter
  - Monthly Meeting Reports
  - Include what you wrote for the paper
  - Include original article that appeared in paper.
  - Other stories written
- Historian

**4-H Story:**

Your 4-H story is an important part of your records. It should focus on how the total 4-H year impacted you and your family. Tell about experiences you have had this 4-H year; good and bad and what these experiences meant to you. Do not just tell what ribbons or awards you received. You can include these, but talk about your experiences, growth, and development. The following outline may help you in developing your story.

- **Introduction:** Include your age, interests, parents, brothers, and sisters, where you live, where you go to school, and for first year members why you joined 4-H.

- **Project Information:** Tell about your projects -- things you learned, whether your project grew in size and scope, successes and failures, experiences and 4-H events participated in i.e. 4-H Club Days, Livestock Judging, Spring Livestock Shows, etc. Can also tell if you served as any officers or other leadership roles, and other 4-H events participated in.

- **Future plans:** Tell how you have benefited from 4-H participation and what are some future plans you have.

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The fair and premium sale would not be possible without the support of the community, the fair board, the premium sale committee, your family and friends. Make sure you take the time to tell everyone who has helped you thank you. A verbal thank you, a note or a plate of cookies can go a long way.
**Record Books**

4-H record books are rarely one of the most favorite tasks for anyone, yet they can be one of the most valuable learning tools. One of the real values of 4-H record keeping is as a monitor of growth. For project work, charting the number of items made, books read, demonstrations or talks given, members helped, tours taken and items exhibited—really makes progress obvious.

Many of the rewards of 4-H record keeping are not immediate. Record keeping is one of those temporarily painful experiences that leaves a young person with a good feeling when it is completed—a sense of pride & accomplishment. Record keeping is filled with personal lessons in diligence, decision making, self-expression, time management, creativity, and honesty.

All records are available from the Rolling Prairie website. Records are available in a form filler version and a hard copy version. If you have Adobe Acrobat Reader (which is a free program on the internet) you can type and complete the record on your computer using the form filler version. Also available on the website, is the publication **Rolling Prairie District 4-H Records Guide**. This tells all about completing your records and lists the record sheet to use for each project.

When record books are handed in, they should be arranged in the following order:

1. **Achievement Pin Application** — If you are applying for one.
2. **Personal Page**—Should be current year's Personal Page; be sure to include a picture of yourself.
3. **4-H Story**—Not to exceed six pages, double-spaced on one side. Younger 4-H’ers can write on the back of your Personal Page and continue on white paper. Older members should write their story on white paper and place it behind their Personal Page.
4. **Permanent Record**—A well completed Permanent Record should reflect growth of the project. Size of the project does not mean exhibits at the fair; it means number of animals, articles made, pictures taken, books read, etc.
5. **Photographs**—A maximum of three pages of pictures on one side only. Photography project members may have an additional 10 pages of photos that they have taken. Captions for each photo improve the quality of your record book.
6. **Current year's project sheets**—Only include current year's records. Pictures should only be added to project records if the record requires them and only include the amount asked for. Take other years out and put in a safe place.

**DIVIDERS:** Use tab dividers to make projects easy to find.

**Things to Remember:**

- Your records are the only impression of you the judge has.
- Tell everything about your project—don’t take anything for granted.
- Be neat and accurate.
- Be sure to get all signatures. If you don’t have a project leader, your parents may sign as your leader.
- Fill in the blanks—even if it’s none or N/A.
- Add another page if you need more room on Permanent Record. Extra pages can be copied or picked up at the Office.
- Be sure to always fill out your own book.
- Don’t include newspaper clippings, ribbons, awards or things like this in your record book.
- Pencil, pen, or type? Whatever the 4-H’er feels comfortable with as long as the 4-H’er completes their own records. Be consistent with whatever you do. If you print or write, use blue or black ink, or type try to do the same for all of your records.
Ear Tags
If ear tags are lost from your market animals, let us know immediately! They must be replaced. All market animals must have the proper ear tag in place in order to check in at the fair.

Poultry Testing
If you are planning on exhibiting poultry at the State Fair your animals need to be tested within 90 days of the county fair. Veterinarians may test, as well as the persons on the certified tester’s list from the Kansas Animal Health Department. For more information call the Extension Office.

Coffeyville Inter-State Fair and Rodeo
The Inter-State Fair and Rodeo is August 13-18. Entry forms for the livestock are due July 15, 2018 and is accessible at www.fairandrodeo.com. Fees are due with the entry forms.

Chautauqua Co. 4-H Council Meeting
Chautauqua County Council will meet August 8, 2018 at Sedan. We will be discussing past events, fair book, Achievement Banquet, officer training and 48 Hours of 4-H. Please Bring your school calendars.

4-H Beekeeping
The Montgomery County Beekeepers Association is offering a scholarship to youth interesting in becoming beekeepers. Applications are available in the Extension Office. Contact Jason Elmore at 620-249-4864 with any questions.

Fair Camping Rules
1. This year camping will be a flat rate of $50 paid to 4-H Council. I encourage everyone to come by the office and pay before the fair and get your camping decal.
2. 4-H members may only camp North of the arena. All other areas are policed by the fairboard and not a part of 4-H camping.
3. Near the arena only park North to South not East to West. This will make it easier for everyone to get to the arena and leave room for spectators.
4. No more than 2 campers per box or a total of 4 camper per pole. DO NOT move anyone’s plug-in.
5. Spots will be marked and can be reserved on a first come first served basis when you pay your $50 fee.
6. Space is limited to 20 campers.
7. Be respectful and courteous to the people around you. We are all going to be neighbors for the week.
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