

# Elk County 4-H News

**April 2025**

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## 4-H Calendar of Events

April 2	4-H Council Meeting -- 6:30 p.m.
April 2	Livestock Sale Committee Meeting -- 7:30 p.m.
April 18	Offices Closed
April 18 - 19	Small Animal (Market and Breeding) Weigh In and Tag Days
April 23	YQCA Training -- Sedan
April 26	Chautauqua County Spring Beef Show
May 1	KSF/KJLS Market Beef Nominations Due
May 1	Project Drop/Add Deadline
May 3	4-H Photography Shutterbug Event -- Wichita
May 17	Chautauqua County Spring Sheep/Goat/Swine Shows
May 26	Holiday -- Offices Closed
May 28	Favorite Food Show -- 1:30 p.m.
June 1	Horse ID's Due
June 3	Southeast Area Livestock Contests -- Iola
June 4 - 6	Discovery Days -- KSU
June 12	Southeast Area Crops, Horticulture, Photography, and FCS Contests -- Emporia
July 1	YQCA Completion Deadline for Elk County Members
July 4	Holiday -- Offices Closed
July 7	4-H/FFA Fair Entries Due and Fashion Revue Forms and Scripts Due
July 10	Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts, Fashion Revue Judging
July 10	Public Fashion Revue
July 12	Fairgrounds Cleanup
July 13	Horse Show
July 15	4-H Foods Judging
July 15	Kansas State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Entries Due
July 16 - 19	Elk County 4-H Fair -- Howard
July 23 - 26	Chautauqua County Fair -- Sedan

## 4-H Council Meeting

4-H Council will meet **Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Extension Meeting Room. 4-H Council representatives bring input from your clubs.

Agenda items include:

- Review of 4-H Club Day and Steak Supper Fundraiser
- Fair Awards
- Fair Schedule
- Other Items

## Livestock Sale Committee Meeting

The Livestock Sale Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 2 following the 4-H Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Sale committee members will receive an email with details and an agenda for the meeting.

**Scoresheets and ribbons from Regional 4-H Club Day are available to be picked up at the Extension Office!**

## 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 2024.

**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 in Sedan on Wednesday, April 23 -- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The registration fee of \$3.00 is due online when you register. ***To attend this training, you should register online BEFORE THE TRAINING.***

## Discovery Days

**When:** June 4 - 6

**Who:** Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2025 are invited to register

**Cost:** Coming Soon! - Some class sessions may have additional fees associated

**Registration:** Coming Soon! Be on the lookout in April for the registration opening.

Discovery Days participants will be included in a special recognition event honoring the State Project Award Winners. This event will be held in the K-State Student Union on the evening of Thursday, June 5 and will include an evening social and entertainment. More details to follow!

Discovery Days objectives:

- Help youth learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs, groups, and communities.
- Give youth in-depth training through hands-on educational sessions from content and youth development experts.
- Prepare youth to make informed decisions about their careers and college paths.
- Enhance personal growth by giving opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time management skills.
- Help youth meet new people and make new friends from different places and backgrounds from across the state.
- Provide an opportunity for youth to experience the K-State campus and its wealth of resources.
- Develop college and career readiness skills which prepare participants academically and

socially for a successful transition to college and life as an adult.

## Hog/Sheep/Goat Weigh In and Tag Day

The Howard Fairgrounds will be the site of this year's Hog, Lamb and Goat tag and weigh-in. All hogs, lambs and goats must be weighed and tagged in order to be shown and sold at the county fair.

This year you will have two opportunities to weigh and tag your animals. **Animals can be weighed & tagged Friday, April 18 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. or Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

*Please let Richard know which day you will be bringing animals!*

Members may weigh and tag a maximum of 6 market animals per species. However, you may only show two of each species at the fair. Tags cost \$4/head.

As has been for several years now, animals will be tagged and nominated under a family name if more than one 4-H'er is in the immediate family. Family members must reside in the same household.

**This year, families need to designate which tagged animals are breeding animals and which are market.**

Registered breeding animals must be tagged on April 18 or 19 or have registration papers by then.

## Bucket Calves

Many calves are being born now. Sometimes a producer has an orphan calf or bucket calf available. If you are wanting a bucket calf for a 4-H project, let me know as producers often let me know they have calves available.

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 \$2.00. Pickup a tag at the Extension Office or call to schedule a time for Richard to tag your calf.

## 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 to 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.

## Spring Shows, Judging and Other Contests

Many events are starting to occur and the Extension Office is receiving information about these. Included on the Rolling Prairie website a list of these as I receive them. Here is the link to them: <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.

## State Livestock Nominations

The 2025 information for state livestock nominations has been released. The process transitioned to an online system in 2022, so there are no longer physical forms for families to complete and mail. Families will purchase DNA envelopes in advance, submit their animal and

exhibitor information online, and then mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations online. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2024) must use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the Youth Livestock Program for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account.

All market animals and commercial females that youth would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS must be nominated. Market Beef nominations are due May 1, and Small Animals due by June 15. The deadline to order DNA envelopes is April 20 and June 5, respectively.

Information may be found under the “Nomination Information” tab on the youth livestock website: <http://bit.ly/ksunominations>. Families are highly encouraged to use the resources available, especially the Rookie Guide.

## Jim Williams Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was setup several years ago for Elk County 4-H members to receive up to \$50 to attend an out of county 4-H event. The *Scholarship is for attending events like 4-H Camp, Citizenship in Action, KYLF, Livestock Judging Camp, Junior National Beef Shows, Discovery Days, Geology Field Trip, etc. NOT one day judging contests or events such as SE Area Contests, Livestock Judging Contests or spring shows.*

### Mandatory requirements to receive up to a \$50 scholarship for an out of county 4-H event:

- Write a paragraph about why you want to attend this event and attach to this form.
- 4-H members must meet at least 5 of the requirements listed below. All requirements must have been completed within the past 12 months unless stated otherwise.
- Turned in a completed record book to the Extension Office the previous 4-H year.

This is not a requirement for first year members.

Here is a link to the application:

<https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/scholarships/index.html>

*The application must accompany the registration form and payment for the 4-H event when submitted to the Extension Office.*

## Horse ID's

Horse project members need to turn in Horse ID's by June 1 on horses they want to show at the county fair and/or Kansas State Fair. Here is a link to the Horse ID form that is to be used.



<https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/livestock/>

## 4-H Record Books and Achievement Pin Applications

Information about record books, project forms, excellence in project achievement awards, and achievement pin applications is on the Rolling Prairie website at <https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/recordbooks/index.html>

Now is the time to download the forms and take a look at them to see what activities and events you need to participate in to earn those awards at the end of the 4-H year. If you have questions or need to know which pin your member is up for this year, ask me before you start that application. Read the entire description and instructions on the forms. Please use the most updated forms.



**REGISTER  
TODAY**




## **4-H PHOTOGRAPHY SHUTTERBUG EVENT**

**Saturday, May 3 in Wichita at Botanica from  
9:00-12:00**



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