

Elk County 4-H News

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4-H Calendar of Events

February 2	Livestock Judging/Skillathon Practice -- 4:30 p.m.
February 5	4-H Council Meeting -- 6:30 p.m.
February 16	Market Beef and Breeding Heifer Weigh In and Tag Day (150 Days) -- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
February 16	Livestock Judging/Skillathon Practice -- 4:30 p.m.
February 22 - 23	Horse Panorama -- Rock Springs
February 24	Elk County 4-H Club Day Entries Due
March 1	KSU Jr Swine Producer Day
March 8	Elk County 4-H Club Day
March 22	KSU Jr Meat Goat Producer Day
March 22	Regional 4-H Club Day -- Madison
March 26	YQCA Training -- Howard
March 29	4-H Council Steak Supper -- Grenola
March 31	Elk County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
April 2	4-H Council Meeting
April 18 - 19	Small Market and Breeding Animal 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 26	Holiday -- Offices Closed
May 28	Favorite Food Show

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**Congratulations to Emma Arbuckle! Her Communications project record has advanced to state judging. State winners in projects are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA.**

## **Livestock Judging/Skillathon Practice**

The next two practices or meetings will be held **Sunday, February 2** at 4:30 p.m. and **Sunday, February 16** at 4:30 p.m. We will start with a lot of basic stuff and hopefully progress to judging classes. Most practices and meetings will have a component of a livestock skillathon as part of it and last 1 - 1 ½ hours.

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4-H Council

4-H Council will meet **Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard**. The agenda items include:

- Steak Dinner
 - Fair Awards
 - Other New Business
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Beef Weigh In/Tag Day

Sunday, February 16
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Howard Veterinary Clinic

All market beef animals and commercial breeding heifers need to be tagged and weighed to be eligible for the 2025 county fair. Tags cost \$4.00. Tagging is 150 days prior to the fair.

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## **4-H Club Day**

**Elk County 4-H Club Day is scheduled for March 8 at West Elk Schools**. Regional 4-H Club Day will be March 22 at Madison.

4-H Club Day is where 4-H'ers can participate in activities either as a group or an individual. Activities can range from model meetings, demonstrations, project talks, dancing, music, dramatics, etc. It is competitive, with judges giving ratings in Champion, Reserve Champion, Blue, Red, and White placings. It is a good time for 4-H'ers to develop self-confidence and poise. It is an

opportunity to perform in front of others and share one's 4-H experience.

Some of the events at 4-H Club Day have changed a little. Refer to the publication [Guidelines for Regional 4-H Club Day](#) for more information about each club day event, age requirements and other details. In addition, all score sheets used for each event are included in the publication.

**Entries for Elk County 4-H Club Day are due by Monday, February 24 at 4:00 p.m.** A different entry form has been made for this year and is included in this newsletter and on the website under 4-H Club Day.

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Gavel Games

Gavel Games is designed to teach parliamentary procedure in a fun, meaningful way. In a Gavel Games contest, four 4-H'ers make up a team and act as officers for a 4-H business model meeting. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are the only officers in this parliamentary exercise.

Each team takes a written test as well. Part of the test is the order of business. Teams receive a score on both the written test and oral presentation. Age divisions are Junior (13 and under) and Senior (14 and older).

If anyone is interested in Gavel Games or would like more information, let me know. I will be glad to help anyone wanting to try this. Team members do not have to be from the same club.

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## **Market Livestock Weight Requirements for 2025**

For members and families interested in enrolling in market livestock projects, the weight requirements are the same as they were last year and there will be no rate of gain requirements for all species to be eligible for the premium sale.

| Species     | Weight               |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Market Beef | minimum of 1050 lbs. |
| Market Hog  | minimum of 220 lbs.  |
| Market Lamb | minimum of 100 lbs.  |
| Market Goat | minimum of 60 lbs.   |

Updated weight charts for all species have been updated and posted to the Elk County 4-H website under the livestock.



## Livestock Tagging

If you wish to exhibit an animal of any species at the 2025 Elk County 4-H Fair, it must be tagged and/or ownership verified by registration papers, including dairy and bucket calf. All breeding animals must have ownership as of the date of that species weigh in/tag day. Commercial livestock needs to be tagged with a 4-H tag and registered purebred livestock must have registration papers in the exhibitor's name. Breeding animals that were tagged in previous years and were eligible for the 2024 county fair, do not need to be retagged so long as the previous year's tag is still in its ear.

Breeding beef heifers must be tagged at the weigh in and tag day on February 16 or have registration papers by that date. Breeding meat goats, sheep and swine must be tagged on April 18 or 19 or have registration papers by this date.

Dairy cattle/goats and bucket calves need to be tagged and recorded with the Extension Office by May 1 of the current year.



## 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.



## Horse Panorama

The 2025 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for February 22 - 23 at Rock Springs. A schedule of events is located on the [4-H Horse Panorama website](#). 4-H Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, and more.

Horse Bowl encourages young people to develop knowledge of equine-related subject matter. This contest develops alertness, self-confidence, and knowledge in a competitive setting, surrounded by an attitude of friendliness and fairness.

Senior Horse Bowl members must sign-up as a team of at least four team members with all members age 14 by February 3, 2025. The senior teams will compete in a double-elimination bracket.

Open Horse Bowl is available for all youth participants. Those youth registering for Open Horse Bowl will compete individually with other youth from across the state for a fun, educational experience. Be sure to read the updated rules to familiarize yourself with changes for 2025.

Senior Horse Bowl Teams and Open Horse Bowl participants are being asked to submit possible questions. These are not required but encouraged. A senior team can submit 5-10, and open individuals can submit 2-4 questions each. These questions will be vetted before being added to the contest. This allows youth to learn content through the writing process, the possibility of having their question used during their round, as well as revamping our aged bank of questions over the next several years. Resources and question structure can be found in the contest rules.

Hippology is an educational activity for youth who wish to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a friendly, competitive setting. This contest enhances decision-making and provides an opportunity for the participants to work cooperatively with others.

Virtual contests will be Photography, Logo Design, Ad Layout, Poster and PowerPoint. Exhibits must

be submitted via email to [kansas4h@ksu.edu](mailto:kansas4h@ksu.edu) by February 3. Participants in virtual contests need not be present at Horse Panorama to participate in the virtual contests. Members participating only in virtual contests will not be charged a registration fee. More information about the virtual contest can be found on the Panorama event webpage.

A first-timers opportunity will be provided for youth to explore hippology, horse bowl and Rock Springs.

The 2025 4-H Horse Panorama registration will be completed through Qualtrics at the link provided on the 4-H Horse Panorama website. Every person who plans to attend Horse Panorama MUST register. Participants will be housed overnight in Rock Springs Housing. Registration is due **February 3**. Payment must be made by check.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>

## YQCA Launches New Scholarship

YQCA is excited to announce the 2025 Scholarship Program available to high school seniors and students enrolled in a 2-4 year university or certification program. In order to be considered for this scholarship, youth must be a high school senior up to 21 years of age.

In order to be considered for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a high school senior or a high school graduate up to 21 years of age.
- Have an active YQCA certification at the time of application (2025).
- Have had active YQCA certification the previous two years (2023, 2024).

As a high school senior, the essay question regarding future plans to enter the agriculture industry or commitment to a university will be considered for eligibility. Scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrollment to receive the award.

High school graduates must be currently enrolled in a 2-4 year university agriculture program or enrolled in a certification program to meet the scholarship requirements. If selected, scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school.

Applications close February 17, 2025. Visit the [YQCA website](#) for additional details and the scholarship application.

## Spring Shows, Sales, 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.

## 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 4-H event when submitted to the Extension Office.*

## 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.

## 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 two face-to-face YQCA training opportunities in Howard and in Sedan. The registration fee of \$3.00 is due online when you register. ***To attend this training, you should register online BEFORE THE TRAINING.***

Wednesday, March 26 -- Howard; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23 -- Sedan; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

## Entomology Project

If you are interested in the Entomology project, there will be a project meeting in the area that you may want to attend.

The South East Kansas Entomology group will meet at the Allen County Extension Office in Iola on Saturday, February 8th beginning at 1:00 p.m. We will be working on pinning insects, so please bring 3 or 4 insects to pin. Make sure they have been in a relaxing chamber for at least 12 hours before the meeting. We will also make an insect valentine craft - one for you to take home and one for the Senior Citizens Center. This will count as a Regional level community service project in your record books. Our lesson will be on insect legs.

Questions? Call Vicky Wallace at (620)804-9170.

## Insect in Art Contest

K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas! This year, the theme is "By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night."

Art may be a drawing or painting, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass or other media. Enclosed is a flyer about the contest.





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# 2025 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

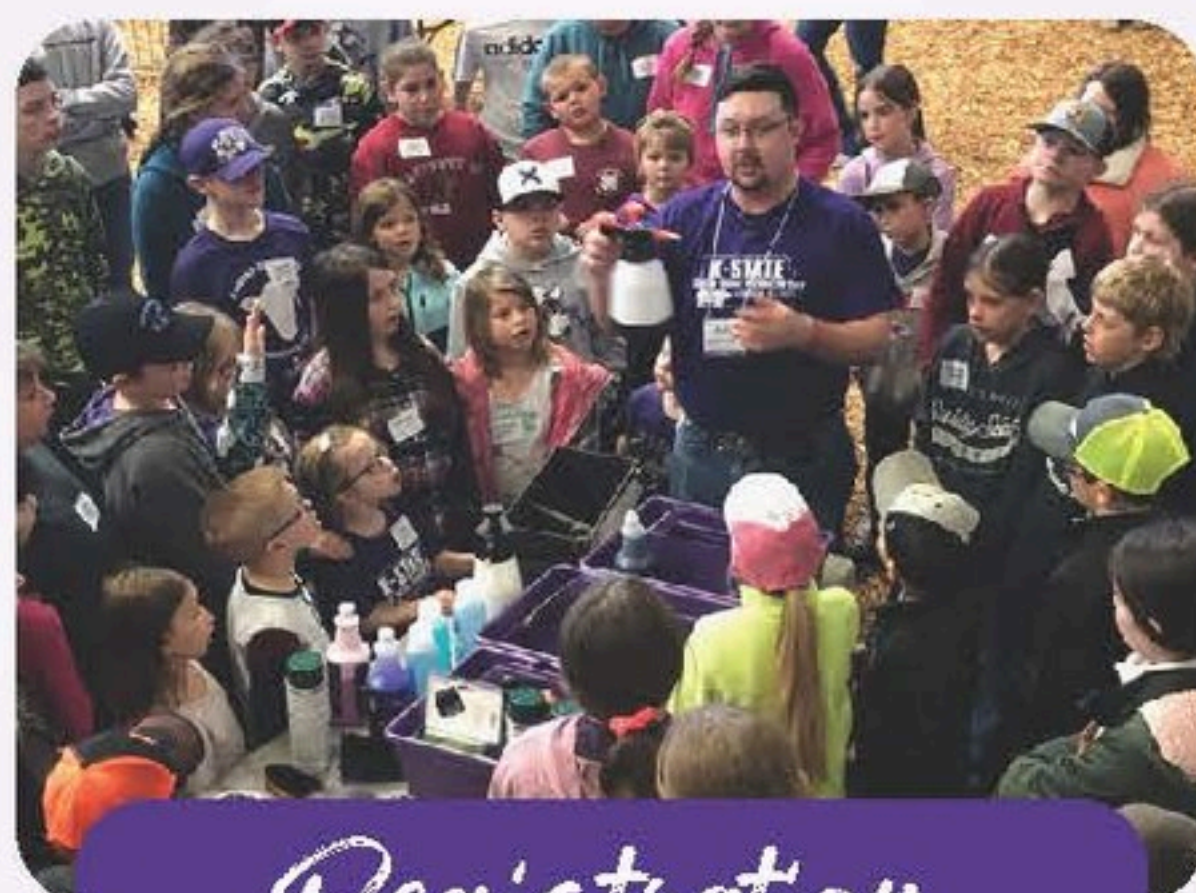


Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. 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 5 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the registration deadline, or \$25/person after that date. Registration is limited to 400 attendees, on a first come, first served basis. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

## March 1



### Tentative Schedule



### Registration



### Questions?

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- 8:00AM Registration Opens
- 9:00AM Welcome
- 9:15AM Project Selection
- 10:00AM Breakout Sessions
  - Nutrition, Meats, Facilities & Equipment, Breeds & Ear Notching
- 12:00PM Lunch
- 12:45PM Health
- 1:30PM Breakout Sessions
  - Showmanship, Daily Care & Clipping, Show Day Prep, Resources
- 3:00PM Wrap-up
- 3:30PM YQCA Training (optional)

- ✔ \$20/person by February 5
- ✔ \$25/person after February 5
- ✔ Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- ✔ All attendees must register, including youth, parents, and adults.
- ✔ No refunds.
- ✔ Attendance is limited to the first 400 participants to register.

## Register By February 5

*\*Limited Attendance\**

**Location**  
Stanley Stout Center

**Register Online**  
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>



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# K-State Junior MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY

# 3.22.25

## Event

Join us on Saturday, March 22, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center north of the K-State campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers 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 26 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 26 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth, parents, and adults. Registration is limited to 400 participants, filled on a first come, first serve basis.

## Tentative Program

Friday, March 21

5:00-7:00PM *Optional Tour*  
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

Saturday, March 22

8:00AM Check-in  
9:00AM Welcome  
9:15AM Selection  
10:00AM Breakout Sessions

- Nutrition
- Facilities & Equipment
- Doe Management & Kidding







11:15AM Health & Wellness  
12:00PM Lunch  
1:00PM Breakout Sessions

- Showmanship
- Reproduction
- Clipping & Grooming

3:15PM Wrap-up  
3:30PM YQCA Training (*optional*)  
4:00-6:00PM *Optional Tour*  
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

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## Registration

-  \$20/person by February 26
-  \$25/person after February 26
-  Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
-  All attendees must register, including youth, parents, & adults.
-  No refunds
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## Questions?

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## Register Online

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By  
**February 26**



# Elk County 4-H Club Day 2025

March 8, 2025

West Elk High School

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (January 1, 2025): \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

( ✓ each event in which you want to enter)

## Public Presentations

- Project Talk (Age 7-9)
- Project Talk (Age 10-13)
- Demo/Illustrated Talks (Age 7-9)
- Demo/Illustrated Talks (Age 10-13)
- Demo/Illustrated Talks (Age 14 & older)
- Public Speaking (Age 14 & older)

## Music

- Chorus
- Vocal Ensemble
- Instrumental Ensemble
- Vocal Solo (Age 7-13)
- Vocal Solo (Age 14 & older)
- Instrumental Solo (Age 7-13)
- Instrumental Solo (Age 14 & older)

## Talent

- Reading (Age 7-9)
- Reading (Age 10-13)
- Reading (Age 14 & older)
- Dance Routines
- Skit/One Act Play
- Novelty

## Job Interview

- (Age 14 & older)

## Parliamentary Procedure

- Gavel Games (Age 7-13)
- Other Team Members:

- Gavel Games (Age 14 & older)

Other Team Members:

## Model Meeting

- Model Meeting

Club Name:

**ENTRY DUE in the Extension Office by MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 @ 4:00 p.m.**

Entries may be emailed, faxed or phoned in!





# INSECT ART CONTEST

## 2025



*By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night*

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas. This year, the theme is *"By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night."* The goal is to explore which insects are active or inactive at night and why, then create artwork that fits the contest theme.

### AGE GROUPS

- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade
- 6th Grade - 8th Grade
- High School
- Adults

### CATEGORIES

- Traditional Illustration (drawing or painting)
- Digital Artwork
- 3-D Creation (painting on canvas, collage, sculpture, or other media)

### AWARDS

Certificates and prizes will be awarded for each art category in each age group for 1st through 3rd place.

## HOW TO ENTER



Submit your entry by April 15, 2025. See full rules and details by visiting <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm> or by scanning the QR code.

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