

# Elk County 4-H News

**January 2025**

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## 4-H Calendar of Events

December 24 - January 1	Extension Offices Closed
January 4	4-H Day with K-State Women's Basketball Game
January 5	Livestock Judging/Skillathon Practice
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April	Chautauqua County Spring Beef Show

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**A VERY MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
and Happy New Year!

## **Southeast Regional Project Award Screening**

The Project Report Forms are used to select area and state project winners. To be eligible for area judging, members must be named county champion in the project area, and must have passed their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1, 2025.

Each 4-H'er must submit a separate project award for each program they are eligible. The following items must be turned in for a complete Regional Project Award submission:

1. Check Sheet
2. Personal Information Page
3. Project Report Form
4. Cover Letter
5. Resume

Do not include:

- 4-H Permanent Record
- Dividers
- Plastic Cover Sheets

Screening for the Southeast Area is January 17. Completed project award submissions are due in the Extension Office by January 10. Members and the projects that are eligible to submit Project Award documents are:

- Isabella Apsley -- Sheep
- Emma Arbuckle -- Horse, Communications
- Nethra Fry -- Visual Arts
- Peyton Fechter -- Photography, Meat Goats, Leadership, Foods & Nutrition, Beef
- Rachel Humphrey -- Shopping in Style, Sewing & Textiles Design
- Elizabeth Woods -- Swine

## **4-H Calendar**

Included in this newsletter is a 4-H Calendar with the dates of events that are currently known. It is also posted on the Rolling Prairie website/Elk County 4-H page.

Some dates may change and other items will be added as the year continues, but this is what is known as of now.

## **Livestock Judging/Skillathon Practice**

Two practices or meetings will be held in January at the Extension Meeting Room. Sunday, January 5 at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 19 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.

## **Citizenship in Action**

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

Citizenship in Action is held February 16-17, 2025 in Topeka. It is for members age 13-18 years old by January 1, 2025. **Registration** due by January 24.

## **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.

## **What is 4-H Club Day**

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.

## 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.

## 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.



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| May 1            | KSF/KJLS Market Beef Nominations Due                                                |
| May 1            | Project Drop/Add Deadline                                                           |
| May 26           | Holiday -- Offices Closed                                                           |
| May 28           | Favorite Food Show                                                                  |
| June             | 4-H Council Meeting                                                                 |
| June 1           | Horse ID's Due                                                                      |
| June 3           | Southeast Area Livestock Judging, Skillathon and Meats Judging Contests             |
| June             | Chautauqua County Spring Small Animal (Hogs, Sheep, Goats) Show                     |
| June 4 - 6       | Discovery Days                                                                      |
| June 12          | Southeast Area Crops, Horticulture, Photography, and FCS Contests                   |
| June 13 - 15     | State Geology Field Trips                                                           |
| June 15          | KSF/KJLS Commercial Heifer, Market/Commercial Sheep, Swine and Goat Nominations Due |

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| July 1           | YQCA Completion Deadline                                                            |
| July 4           | Holiday -- Offices Closed                                                           |
| July 7           | 4-H/FFA Fair Entries and Fashion Revue Forms Due                                    |
| July 9           | Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue Judging<br>Public Fashion Revue |
| July 12          | Fairgrounds Cleanup                                                                 |
| July 13          | 4-H 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                                                     |
| August 6         | 4-H Council Meeting                                                                 |
| August 15        | Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due                                            |
| August           | State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes                                                     |
| September 1      | Holiday -- Offices Closed                                                           |
| September 5 - 14 | Kansas State Fair -- Hutchinson                                                     |
| October 1        | Record Books, Achievement Pin Applications and Officer Notebooks Due                |
| October 1        | Start of New 4-H Year                                                               |
| October 1        | 4-H Council Meeting                                                                 |
| October 3 - 5    | Kansas Junior Livestock Show -- Hutchinson                                          |
| October 5 - 11   | National 4-H Week                                                                   |

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