

# Elk County 4-H News

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## 4-H Calendar of Events

March 2	Livestock Judging/Skillathon Practice
March 8	Elk County 4-H Club Day
March 9	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 22	KSU Jr Meat Goat Producer Day
March 22	Regional 4-H Club Day -- Madison
March 25	4-H Records and Pin Applications Training
March 26	YQCA Training -- Howard
March 29	4-H Council Steak Supper -- Grenola
April 2	4-H Council Meeting
April 2	Livestock Sale Committee 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
June 3	Southeast Area Livestock Contests -- Iola
June 4 - 6	Discovery Days -- KSU
June 12	Southeast Area Crops, Horticulture, Photography, and FCS Contests -- Emporia

## Elk County 4-H Club Day

4-H Club Days is Saturday, March 8 at West Elk School. Once a schedule is completed, it will be posted to the Rolling Prairie Extension website and emailed out.

## Livestock Judging/Skillathon Practice

The next practice or meeting will be held **Sunday, March 2** at 4:30 p.m. Practices and meetings have had a component of a livestock skillathon as part of it and last 1 - 1 ½ hours.

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## 4-H Records and Pin Applications Training

**Tuesday, March 25**  
**7:00 p.m. at the Extension Meeting Room**


Now is the time to start working on your record books. Do not wait until the last minute to look at record pages and then have no idea how to complete them or your pin application and realize you do not have any or enough activities completed.

This will be a very informal training so come with your questions. The training will cover the project report forms as well as the Achievement Pin applications and Excellence in Project Achievement forms. I will also cover how to download the form fillable forms and how to complete them.

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## 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:**  
**YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS**  
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.

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## 4-H Council Steak Dinner

**Saturday, March 29 -- Grenola Community Building**  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

This is the annual fundraiser for 4-H Council. Funds are used for fair awards, achievement awards and other expenses of 4-H Council. If you are wanting tickets to sell, they will be available at the Extension Office.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- **Flint Hill Boosters** - Rolls
  - **Grenola Jayhawkers** - Potatoes, Sour Cream, Butter
  - **Moline Shining Star** - Salad, Cheese, Dressings, and Tomatoes
  - **Extension Office** - Paper products
  - **4-H Council Members** - each member bring a dessert.
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## Beef Weigh In/Tag Day

Results from the weigh in and tag day are included in this newsletter. Please look over and double check it to make sure we have all the information correct as that is what will be used for fair weigh in.



# 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.

## 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 (whether breeding or market) 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.**

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 are \$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 animals that are tagged are breeding animals and which are market.**

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

When selecting your hog, lamb or goat, keep in mind there will be no rate of gain requirements for all species to be eligible for the premium sale. Even though there is not a rate of gain requirement for each species, an award for the highest rate of gain will be presented at the fair for each species.

Weight projection charts are available for each species on the Rolling Prairie website at <http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/livestock/index.html>

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.”



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.

## 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/>



## Elk County 4-H Fair

July 16 - 19

Howard Fairgrounds

| Species | EID #           | 4-H # | Last Name | First Name | Club | Weigh Date | Beginning Weight |        |
|---------|-----------------|-------|-----------|------------|------|------------|------------------|--------|
| Beef    | 840003283202151 | 32768 | Mott      | Sydney     | MSS  | 2/16/2025  | 1052             |        |
| Beef    | 840003283202152 | 32769 | Mott      | Sydney     | MSS  | 2/16/2025  | 940              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283202153 | 32770 | Mott      | Sydney     | MSS  | 2/16/2025  | 1016             |        |
| Beef    | 840003283202154 | 32771 | Griesel   | Family     | FHB  | 2/16/2025  | 922              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283202155 | 32772 | Griesel   | Family     | FHB  | 2/16/2025  | 844              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283202156 | 32773 | Griesel   | Family     | FHB  | 2/16/2025  | 666              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283202157 | 32774 | Arbuckle  | Family     | GJ   | 2/16/2025  | 566              | Heifer |
| Beef    | 840003283202158 | 32775 | Arbuckle  | Family     | GJ   | 2/16/2025  | 892              | Heifer |
| Beef    | 840003283202159 | 32776 | Arbuckle  | Family     | GJ   | 2/16/2025  | 838              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283202160 | 32777 | Arbuckle  | Family     | GJ   | 2/16/2025  | 806              | Heifer |
| Beef    | 840003283202161 | 32778 | Arbuckle  | Family     | GJ   | 2/16/2025  | 830              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283202162 | 32779 | Hahner    | Sterling   | GJ   | 2/16/2025  | 908              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283202163 | 32780 | Apsley    | Isabella   | MSS  | 2/16/2025  | 364              | Heifer |
| Beef    | 840003283203304 | 33921 | Humphrey  | Family     | MSS  | 2/16/2025  | 1074             |        |
| Beef    | 840003283203305 | 33922 | Humphrey  | Family     | MSS  | 2/16/2025  | 974              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283203306 | 33923 | Humphrey  | Family     | MSS  | 2/16/2025  | 804              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283203307 | 33924 | Bogdahn   | Jaxson     | MSS  | 2/16/2025  | 970              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283203308 | 33925 | Bidwell   | Family     | MSS  | 2/16/2025  | 702              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283203309 | 33926 | Bidwell   | Family     | MSS  | 2/16/2025  | 716              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283203312 | 33929 | Bidwell   | Family     | MSS  | 2/16/2025  | 848              |        |
| Beef    | 840003283203310 | 33927 | Ervin     | Reghan     | FHB  | 2/16/2025  | 1044             |        |
| Beef    | 840003283203311 | 33928 | Cucar     | Grace      | FHB  | 2/16/2025  | 732              |        |
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# 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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