

Elk County 4-H News

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4-H Calendar of Events

July 1 YQCA Completion Deadline for Elk County Members
July 1 4-H/FFA Fair Entries Due
July 4 Holiday -- Offices Closed
July 8 Fashion Revue Forms and Scripts Due
July 10 Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts, Fashion Revue Judging
July 10 Public Fashion Revue -- 7:30 p.m.
July 13 Fairgrounds Cleanup -- 8:00 a.m.
July 15 Horse Show -- 6:00 p.m.
July 15 Kansas State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Entries Due
July 16 4-H Foods Judging
July 17 - 20 Elk County 4-H Fair
July 24 - 27 Chautauqua County Fair

August

14 4-H Council Meeting
15 Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due



Fair Edition of the Newsletter

This is the fair edition of the newsletter. The time is quickly approaching as we are just a couple weeks away from fair events starting to happen! In this newsletter is all kinds of information related to the different fair events and projects. If you have questions, please ask!



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 4-H/FFA 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 by **July 1!**

Lost Ear Tags

If ear tags are lost from your market animals, they must be replaced! All market animals must have



the proper ear tag in place to check in at the fair. So, whether you lost a tag on April 27 or July 17 let the office know ASAP to get it replaced.

Fair Entries

4-H/FFA fair entries are due **Monday, July 1 by 4:00 p.m. in the Extension Office.**

If families are planning to exhibit beef, sheep, goats or swine, there is a livestock stall request to complete that is **due July 1**. Form is available on the Rolling Prairie website.

Put everything you might bring to the fair on your entry form. **ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 1.** Entries can be emailed or faxed to the Extension Office as well, but they still must be here by **4:00 p.m. on July 1**. We will drop entries from the

records if they do not check in at the fair, but we will not add entries at the fair.

Photo mats are available from the Extension Office for \$2.00 each. This includes a large Ziploc bag to place your completed project in.

Be sure you look over the fair schedule closely so you do not miss anything. If you have any questions about the fair, entries, shows or anything else you see in the fair book or newsletter, just ask us at the Extension Office!

Know your exhibit requirements. Read the fairbook. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know the exhibition rules. Not being told is not a valid excuse for lack of personal responsibility.

When you go to the Rolling Prairie Extension District website, don't be alarmed! It has been upgraded to a new design, but the information on it is still the same.

Fair Items on Website

The following items and information are on the Rolling Prairie - Elk County 4-H website at:

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

- ✓ 4-H Fair Schedule
- ✓ 4-H Fair Book
- ✓ Fashion Revue Script (Form Fillable)
- ✓ Fashion Revue Judges Form (Form Fillable)
- ✓ Blank 4-H Entry Form
- ✓ Livestock Stall Request
- ✓ Mounting Photos for Kansas State Fair (*12 page handout*)
- ✓ Photo Display Instructions (*1 page handout*)
- ✓ Frostings and Filling Food Safety Publication
- ✓ Frostings and Fillings Worksheet
- ✓ Livestock Premium Sale Buyers Agreement and Receipt - 2024
- ✓ Kansas State Fair Handbook

Fashion Revue Forms

There are two Fashion Revue forms that must be completed for each entry. One is the information and judges form and the other is the script. **Both forms need to be completed and returned to the Extension Office by July 8!** *On the information and judges form, please attach a picture of you and your outfit.*

By turning in all forms in a timely fashion and by the due date, that allows the superintendent and the office to put together a judging order to make things run smoothly.

Sewing & Textile Design, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue Judging

Judging of Sewing & Textile Design, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue projects will be **Wednesday, July 10 at the Cox Building in Howard.** Sewing & Textile Design and Fiber Arts will be judged 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Sewing & Textile Design Fashion Revue judging and Boys Shopping in Style Fashion Revue judging will begin at approximately 9:30 a.m. Girls Shopping in Style Fashion Revue Judging will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The public Fashion Revue will be that evening, **7:30 p.m. at the Cox Building in Howard.**

Miscellaneous Fair Notes

Exhibit tags do not need to be picked up for 4-H exhibits. The Extension Office will print these for all exhibits and have them available on Wednesday, July 17 when you check in your exhibits. At this time, you will place them on your exhibits. All non-market and breeding livestock entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 17, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. All exhibits must be checked in by 10:00 a.m.

Visual Arts and Photography projects will be judged by consultation this year. Members will have the opportunity to visit with the judge about

their project and exhibits while they are being judged. You are not required to do consultation judging; however, it can be a great learning experience for the 4-H'er. If you are unable to be at consultation judging, your exhibit(s) will still be judged.

Consultation judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17. **ONLY MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN CONSULTATION JUDGING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE FAIR BUILDING WHILE JUDGING IS TAKING PLACE.**

CONSULTATION JUDGING ON WEDNESDAY MORNING IS FOR VISUAL ARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS ONLY!! NO OTHER PROJECTS HAVE CONSULTATION JUDGING THAT DAY!

Recipe cards are needed for foods exhibits and are available at the Extension Office or you can make your own.

Livestock stall cards will be printed at weigh in on Wednesday evening or be available Thursday morning. Breeding Beef and Bucket Calves may check in and get their stall cards beginning at 7:45 p.m. or after weigh in of market animals is completed.

Photography: Photo mats are available from the Extension Office for \$2.00. This includes a large Ziploc bag to place your completed project in.

Fair Schedule Changes

There are a couple of small changes to the fair schedule that was originally printed. First, on Thursday, July 18, the **POULTRY AND RABBITS WILL BE JUDGED STARTING AT 12:30 P.M.**

Second, all Open Class indoor exhibits need to be checked in on Thursday, July 18 by 9:00 a.m.

Teen Leader Help at Fair

Included in the newsletter are two pages listing Teen Leaders that have signed up to help at the different events at the fair.

Also, the Teen Leaders are responsible for the Barnyard Olympics, Pee Wee kids Shows, and VIP Goat Showmanship. At the meeting after 4-H Council on June 12; Teen Leaders were given the responsibility of asking people to participate in the VIP Showmanship contest as well as determine the Barnyard Olympics and prizes for the Pee Wee Shows. Please follow through with this.



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Fair Participants Code of Conduct

Your participation in 4-H activities carries the responsibility of representing Kansas 4-H to the public. You are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that reflects well on your club as well as yourself. Your contribution to the program is as important as what you receive from the program. Some things to keep in mind as a 4-H member at the fair are:

- ✓ At all times be courteous and display good manners. Language must be appropriate and respectful of others. No swearing. No back talking. No bullying
- ✓ Participants will not use tobacco/nicotine, alcohol, drugs, fireworks, or firearms.
- ✓ Avoid any activity that would cause damage to exhibits, decorations, personal property, room furnishings, permanent facilities, etc.
- ✓ Avoid any activity that would post a safety issue or nuisance issue.
- ✓ Animals must be clean and housed with clean bedding and fresh water.
- ✓ All animal exhibitors are expected to do their share of herdsmanship duties every day of the fair.
- ✓ Primary care of animals, pens, and general barn area needs to be completed each day,

by the 4-H member. As a 4-H program we want to make the best impression on the public, so animal and barn care needs to continue throughout each day.

Fairgrounds Cleanup/Setup

4-H families are needed to clean the livestock barns and pens, and setting up the show arena on **Saturday, July 13 at 8:00 a.m.** Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, wire, brooms, and other items.

Fair Picture Backdrop

A volunteer is needed to be in charge of the picture backdrop area for livestock. The backdrop that has been used the last couple of years is at the Extension Office, but someone needs to get it setup and make an area to be used for pictures at the fairgrounds.

Horse Show

The Elk County Horse Show will be **Monday, July 15 at the Moline Rodeo Grounds starting at 6:00 p.m.** All horse events will take place at this time. NO horses are to be brought to the fair except the two Showmanship winners for the Round Robin on Saturday, July 20.

Does anyone have poles for Pole Bending that we can use for the horse show??

Foods Judging

The 4-H food entries will be judged by consultation, **Tuesday, July 16 at the Cox Building in Howard.** Two judges will be used. The judging is scheduled by ages (as of January 1). Please bring your items to be judged during the following times: **Age 7-9 and 10-13 -- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.; age 14 and older -- 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** Be prepared to leave your entries until the judging has been completed so that champions can be chosen.

Bring your foods to the judging on Tuesday, July 16 prepared as directed in the fairbook. Then after being judged, refrigerate a sample to display at the fair. A sample of each food's entry will be displayed at the fair on the club's food display table on Wednesday, July 17. Ribbons will be awarded at the fair on Wednesday.

Recipe cards are needed for foods exhibits and are available at the Extension Office or you can make your own. If making your own recipe card, include your name, age, club, class #, name of item, ingredients and directions for making.

Livestock Exhibitors are responsible for providing your own bedding at the fair and for cleanup.

Livestock Weigh In Schedule

Market animals are to be weighed and checked in on **Wednesday, July 17**. Schedule for the evening is as follows:

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Weigh Market & Breeding Swine
6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Weigh Market & Breeding Goats
7:00 - 7:15 p.m. Weigh Market & Breeding Lambs
7:30 - 7:45 p.m. Weigh Market Beef
7:45 - 8:00 p.m. Check in Breeding Beef & Bucket Calves

If you have animals weighed and tagged as families, you need to declare at the scales which animal goes with which family member.

Exhibitors that want to participate in Showmanship must sign up on Wednesday evening.

Livestock stall cards will be printed at weigh in on Wednesday evening or be available on Thursday morning.

FRONTIER FARM CREDIT WILL BE SERVING HOT DOGS BEFORE AND DURING WEIGH IN.

Junk in a Bucket



Junk in a Bucket exhibits may be sold at the Premium Sale in between species as a fundraiser for Teen Leaders. **It is optional, not mandatory, for members to put their entry into the auction.**

At check in, we will ask if you want to put your item in the auction.

Star Spangled Banner

4-H clubs are responsible for the Star Spangled Banner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning prior to the start of the livestock show that day. Clubs may have members play an instrument, sing, or have a recording of the Star Spangled Banner. Here are the days and times that clubs are responsible for.



Thursday morning (July 18) at 8:20 a.m. -- FHB is responsible for.

Friday morning (July 19) at 8:50 a.m. -- GJ is responsible for.

Saturday morning (July 20) at 8:50 a.m. -- MSS is responsible for.

Herdsmanship Contest

Each livestock exhibitor at the fair has the obligation to the public and other exhibitors to have a clean, safe presentation. Each year clubs compete for the Herdsmanship trophy. This will be judged as a club exhibit, since livestock from each club will be penned close together. A traveling plaque is

presented to the winning club at Achievement Banquet.

Displays are judged each day of the fair. Inspections are unannounced and unscheduled, but not made while the animals are being shown. Herdsmanship scoring is based on: feeding animals, exhibitor conduct, stall and pen identification, cleanliness of alleys and stalls, appearance of animals, arrangement of exhibits, educational value and clubs participation in cleanup before and after the fair.

Feeding and watering of cattle ideally should take place outside the fair barn. This should help minimize some of the mess in the barn.

Livestock Stall Assignments

Stall assignments will be made a few days prior to the fair. The Fairboard and myself are trying our best to make sure everyone has the space needed for their exhibits. Please be courteous to your fellow 4-H'ers and families. I cannot guarantee that all club families/members will be stalled together for all species but efforts will be made to keep all clubs and FFA groups together for the different species.

Remember that only animals that are entered are to be stalled. No companion animals are allowed.

Due **JULY 1** is the *Livestock Stall Request* for families to complete. Form is available on the Rolling Prairie website.

Destination Forms and Livestock Premium Sale

Members must complete a **Destination Form** to be eligible to sell their animals. **This form must be returned to the Fair Superintendent or Extension Agent following the Beef Show on Friday evening.** The form will ask the member whether they are going to sell their animal(s) or not.

A few reminders about the livestock sale.

- The premium sale is not a terminal sale.
- Each 4-H and FFA member may sell one or two animals in the Livestock Premium Sale provided they have not sold an animal in another county 4-H/FFA Sale. If the 4-H'er sells two animals, they must be of two different species. A member with two animals of the same species will sell the top placing animal. In cases where both animals place the same (i.e. two blue ribbons, two red ribbons, etc.) the highest ranked animal will sell. When a member has three or four species, the two highest placing species, according to ribbon and ranking, will be sold in the premium sale; unless the member chooses to sell their Market Beef.
- Market Beef that meet all the livestock premium sale requirements (minimum weight, YQCA, etc) will always be eligible to sell if a member so desires and then they may sell their highest placing animal of a different species as their second animal in the premium sale.
- When a member has two different species to sell, the seller may choose not to sell one of their top placing species. If they do this, the seller may then only sell one animal in the premium sale.
- The premium sale buyer has the first right of buying the animal if they pay the base bid as well as the premium.

Awards Presentation Ceremony

Saturday, July 20, 6:00 p.m. at the Show Arena

All awards for fair exhibits will be awarded at this time with one exception: Fashion Revue awards will be given out at the Public Fashion Revue but all other awards for indoor exhibits and livestock exhibits will be given to Grand and Reserve Grand Champions at the Awards Presentation Ceremony. This includes showmanship buckles and the Round Robin winners will be announced at this time.

Red, Blue, Purple or White

The county fair is not only a time for the community to come together, but a chance for our future leaders to showcase what they have learned throughout the year in 4-H.

The 4-H projects are not the only items on display at the Fair, we are also proud to show our communities the wonderful kids who participate in our 4-H program. The cookies or the pig are just a product of the enormous learning that has gone on throughout the year. It is truly about the time spent with a caring adult - parent, friend, relative, teacher, neighbor, club leader or the county agent.

In addition to the project on display, the youth also have the opportunity to visit with judges and explain what they learned, what worked out, and maybe even what turned out to be a flop. No matter the path, learning experiences will be had by all.

During the Fair, we award a lot of ribbons. But what does each ribbon mean? Every 4-H exhibit receives a ribbon based on comparing the project with an ideal standard, not against each other until a Grand Champion is awarded. In Kansas, the Danish system is used for evaluation, placing exhibits in ribbon groups.

Purple and Pink Ribbons mean an exhibit is outstanding by all standards. Purples and Pinks are given to those exhibits that exceed expectation and prove a member went above and beyond to create a project that excels.

Blue Ribbons are awarded to the exhibits that are above average. It exceeds the minimum standard and may have minor flaws where improvements can

be made. Remember, exhibits do not get a Blue ribbon for just showing up.

Red Ribbon level is where judging truly begins. Red means the exhibit is average. It meets all minimum standards, and has visible signs of needed improvements. Contrary to popular belief, Red is not a horrible ribbon to receive. I earned lots of red ribbons through my years as a 4-H member, and each one of them showed me that I still had a lot to learn. Red just means the exhibit is middle of the pack.

White Ribbons are below average. For whatever reasons, it fails to meet the minimum standards. It may be under baked, not finished, missing parts, or may not have met the weight requirement. White ribbons show an exhibitor they still have work to do to earn a higher placing ribbon next year.

Remember, each of our 4-H members are responsible for their exhibit. Good sportsmanship means they took the time to listen to the judges' critique and learn from another's viewpoint. No one is to blame when a project doesn't come together like we had expected - but often times more is learned from the project that receives more criticism. While some of our 4-H members are proud of their projects, and others may be disappointed, I hope every competitor is gracious - win, lose or draw.

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## Kansas State Fair Youth Livestock Entries

Entries for the youth livestock shows (beef, sheep, swine and meat goat) for the Kansas State Fair are due by **July 15**. Entries are to be done online.

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Teen Leader Help at Fair

Clothing Construction/Fashion Revue (1)						
Miles Stewart						
Foods (2)						
Peyton Fechter						
Liz Woods						
Indoor Exhibits Check In and Judging (6)						
Liz Woods						
Corbin Arbuckle						
Emma Arbuckle						
Braxton Wilson						
Jace Wiseman						
Rachel Humphrey						
Swine (3)						
Announcer -	Peyton Fechter					
Ring Help	Rachel Humphrey, Liz Gilliland					
Hand out Awards	Maggie Humphrey					
Poultry	Cooper Wilson					
Poultry	Braxton Wilson					
Sheep (3)						
Announcer -	Emma Arbuckle					
Ring Help	Jaxson Bogdahn					
Hand out Awards	Liz Woods					
Goats (3)						
Announcer -	Rachel Humphrey					
Ring Help	Emma Arbuckle					
Hand out Awards	Liz Gilliland					
Beef (3)						
Announcer -	Liz Woods					
Ring Help	Richard Fechter					
Hand out Awards	Jayton Bogdahn					
Awards Ceremony						
Announcer -	Emma Arbuckle, Rachel Humphrey					
Hand out Awards -	Liz Woods					

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Barnyard Olympics Committee:						
Liz Woods, Emma Arbuckle, Jaxson Bogdahn, Peyton Fechter						
Registration of \$5.00/team due to Peyton by NOON on Thursday, July 18						
VIP Goat Showmanship						
Ask two people from community to participate:						
Longton -- Braxton and Cooper						
Grenola -- Emma and Liz W						
Moline -- Jaxson and Jayton						
Howard -- Peyton						
PeeWee Kids Shows						
Jaxson and Peyton put cups of candy together						
All Teen Leaders that are available help with the shows						

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