

Elk County 4-H News

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4-H Calendar of Events

June 1	Horse ID's Due
	Chautauqua County Spring Small Animal Show -- Sedan
June 5 - 7	Discovery Days -- Kansas State University
June 12	4-H Council Meeting -- 6:30 p.m.
June 15	KSF/KJLS Commercial Heifer, Market/Commercial Sheep, Swine, Goat Nominations Due
June 25	Southeast Area Crops, Horticulture, Photography, and FCS Contests -- Emporia
June 27	Southeast Area Livestock Judging, Skillathon, and Meats Judging Contests
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
July 15	Horse Show
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

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/livestockdocuments/Horse%20ID%202023.pdf>

June and July Notes

With school out, 4-H events, summer ball and camps are happening. With everything going on, please check your calendars for due dates and dates of activities so you do not miss anything. June is going to fly by and soon the county fair will be here. We are less than 50 days away; depending on when you read this.

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## Chautauqua County Spring Livestock Show

### Small Animal Show

June 1, 2024

9:00 am



Chautauqua County Fairgrounds – Sedan, KS

Weigh-in & registration 30 minutes prior to each show  
Open only to youth in Chautauqua & Elk Counties.  
For more information contact the Extension Office

9:00 a.m. Goat  
10:30 a.m. Sheep  
12:00 p.m. Swine  
2:00 p.m. Bucket Calf

Concessions will be available.

## 4-H Council

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Extension Meeting Room, Howard**

4-H Council will meet on Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard. Plans for the upcoming fair will be discussed. If you cannot attend, please send someone else from your club.

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Teen Leaders will meet in June. A date has not been set yet but be watching your email and Facebook for the meeting date and details. Fair responsibilities and barnyard Olympics are to be discussed and a possible Community Service activity.

Livestock Weight Charts

Livestock weight charts are posted to the Rolling Prairie website under Elk County 4-H. Take a look at these to help you determine how much weight your animals need to gain to meet the premium sale requirements.

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

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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 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.

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Families Needed for Hosting Japanese Delegates

More host families are needed for this exciting opportunity of hosting a Japanese delegate this summer. Eleven girls and six boys still need

Kansas homes. The Japanese delegate will be in Kansas from July 21 – August 15, but host families are needed for July 23 – August 15. The 17 Japanese youth are between 12 – 16 years of age.

Any Kansas 4-H family with children aged 10-16, who are interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100% medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money for souvenirs. The delegates can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life.

If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, 785-826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu. Also, this will be the third year that the Fechter Family has hosted a delegate.

Benefits: Increase your family’s cross-cultural and global understanding, broaden family communication skills, make a new friend from another country, and have fun while leaning about Japan in your own home.

How to apply: Families may now apply on-line by visiting: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host>. There is a required application with references. In addition, there will be an in-home interview conducted as well as background checks conducted for all adults living in the household.

What you do: The host family treats the delegate as a family member (rather than a tourist/guest) and keep a “regular” family schedule. That could mean chores, fairs, camping, ballgames, etc.... very busy – or not so busy. It just depends on what your family likes to do! Most delegates will have studied English for one year in school. They are usually shy and don’t want to make mistakes –so the first few days getting them to talk may be a challenge! The host family needs to be pro-active on ways to communicate without words, or using a Japanese/English translation dictionary, etc.

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## State Livestock Nominations

The 2024 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, 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 2023) need to 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. Small Animals due by June 15. The deadline to order DNA envelopes is June 5 for small animals.

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.

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Fairbooks, Fair Entry Forms

Fairbooks and fair entry forms are now available for clubs and/or families to pick up at the Extension Office. Fashion Revue Script forms and judge’s forms are available on the Rolling Prairie website. For more information about the fair, go to the following website: <http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/index.html>

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

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.***

If families are planning to exhibit beef, sheep, goats or swine, there is a livestock stall request to complete that is **due July 1.**

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.

Fair Items on Website

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

- ✓ 4-H Fair Schedule
- ✓ 4-H Fair Book
- ✓ Fashion Revue Script Form
- ✓ Fashion Revue Judges Form
- ✓ Blank 4-H Entry Form
- ✓ Mounting Photos for Kansas State Fair
- ✓ Photo Display Instructions
- ✓ Livestock Premium Sale Buyers Agreement and Receipt
- ✓ Livestock Stall Request

✓ Kansas State Fair Handbook

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.

Southeast Area Contests

Included in the newsletter are two flyers with information about the Southeast Area Contests in the month of June.

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.

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. All pin applications have been updated for this 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. In addition, the Excellence in Project Achievement Award form has been slightly modified and a few word changes have occurred. Read the entire description and instructions on the forms. Please use the most updated forms.

A new item added this year is a checklist of items to consider or look at when completing your records and applications. It is events or activities of things that you may have done that sometimes are omitted from forms that you may want to include.

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## 4-H Communications Opportunity

With County and Regional Club Days recently completed, I want to remind members that are age 9 and older (before January 1) and were Champion or Reserve Champion at County 4-H Club Day, they can take their project talks, demonstrations and illustrated talks to the Kansas State Fair.

Entries are due August 15. For more information, contact the Extension Office.

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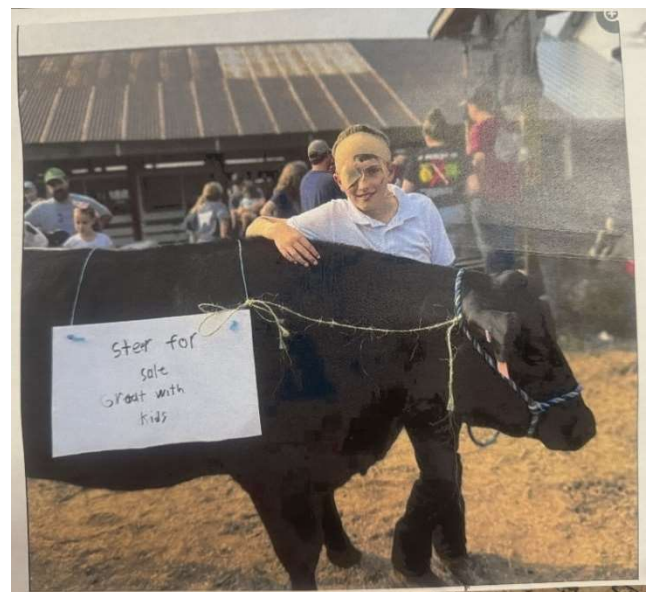
Kansas 4-H Thrive Evaluation

In early June, Kansas 4-H will be conducting a 4-H Thriving Model evaluation. Members in grades 3 and up will be invited to participate in a survey to tell us about their experience in 4-H. The survey is designed to help Kansas 4-H understand how youth are thriving in 4-H. While the survey is optional, we would love to hear from every member.

Emails will be sent to the parent emails we have on file in 4-H Online with an electronic survey link. Parents will be asked to share the electronic survey link with their child(ren).

Here are some key things to know:

- The goal is for the first survey to go out the week of June 9. Two reminders will be sent to all participants who have not completed the survey. The survey will close mid-July.
 - This data will help us share the impact of 4-H programs in Kansas. By responding, your child(ren) will help us tell the story of Kansas 4-H.
 - If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in this study, you can simply delete the message. There is no impact on 4-H programming, and Extension Agents will never know who completed and who did not complete the survey.
 - Direct any questions to Samantha Grant (samgrant@ksu.edu), Evaluation Consultant, or Sarah Maass (semaass@ksu.edu), State 4-H Program Leader, or 785-532-5800.
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2024 Southeast Region 4-H Youth Challenge Day Tuesday, June 25, Emporia Kansas – Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Judging Contests
Crops, Photography, Family & Consumer Science and Horticulture
(open to all ages 9-18 before Jan 1)

Favorite Foods Show
(for local SE Ext. Unit Winners)

Location: Anderson Building on Lyon County Fairgrounds, behind the Lyon County Extension Office, located at 2632 W US Hwy 50, Emporia, KS 66801

COST: \$10.00 per person, judge as many contests as you would like, exact change is appreciated, checks accepted. \$10 includes, any judging contests, and favorite foods if youth qualified locally, awards for winners

9:30 a.m. Registration for Horticulture, Crops, FCS and Photo Contests

For Questions, please contact:

Favorite Foods Registration and set up. Participants are asked to check in at Favorite Foods table after they have registered at the main registration table before setting up. **Favorite Food participants must be registered and set up by 10:30 a.m.** Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. Local offices will have information about pre-registering Favorite Food Participants.

Horticulture
Travis Carmichael: 620-341-3220, trcarmic@ksu.edu

Photography
Jennifer Terrell: 620-244-3826, jkterrell@ksu.edu
Valori Stone: valori@ksu.edu

Crops
Brian Rees: 620-341-3220, brees@ksu.edu

FCS – Family and Consumer Science
Becky Reid: 620-221-5450 bkreid@ksu.edu
Cassidy Lutz: celutz@ksu.edu

10:00 a.m. Horticulture, Crops, FCS and Photo Contest Instructions

Favorite Foods
Jill Barnhardt: 620-364-5313, jbarnhardt@ksu.edu
Anne Pitts: 316-284-6930, aepers@ksu.edu

10:15 a.m. Horticulture, Crops, FCS and Photo Contest begins. Horticulture is a timed contest and must be completed first.

Special Thanks to Lyon County Extension Staff and Lyon County 4-H Volunteers.

10:30 a.m. Favorite Foods Judging Begins



All morning contests completed by noon. Favorite Foods completed by 12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own.

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1:15 p.m. Recognition for Horticulture, FCS, Crops, Photo and Favorite Foods

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Divisions
Intermediate Division - Ages 9-13, (before Jan. 1)

Senior Division - Ages 14-18 (before Jan. 1)

FCS and Photo will offer a non-competitive/mini experience for 7-8 years old (free) There may be others too

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Southeast Area LIVESTOCK CONTEST June 27, 2024

Held at Allen County Fairgrounds at Riverside Park, Iola, KS. Open to all 4-H members. Registration will be at the Community Building- cost \$10.00 per contestant paid at check in. There will be a lunch served. To pre-register click [HERE](#)- coaches, agents, or individuals can sign up. Sign up as a team or individual.

Livestock Judging

1

Registration from 8:30-9:30 AM
Contest starts at 10:00 AM

Meats Judging

2

Registration at 7:30 AM
Contest starts at 8:00 AM

Livestock Skillathon

3

8:00 AM- 10:00 AM - Come and participate at your leisure.



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